

COMBINED MEETING OF COA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND FRIENDS OF THE COA
BOARD MINUTES March 6, 2023

Present: J. Fuller-Jones, D. Andrews, C. DeLorey, C. Reichenberg, D. Clague, I. Clague, R. Graham, H. Soones, L. Green, P. Beckner, M. Young, F. Zakszewski, L. Dykes, M. Howard, D. Langer

Absent: M. James, K. Landers, S. Larke, H. O'Connor

Minutes of February 6, 2023 – approved

Treasurer - \$24,313.90 as of January 31, 2023 – approved, COA has been approved by the Howard Fund for this year

Director's Report: Christina is back!, grant has been received with an increase from \$12.00 to \$14.00 per elder with 5,000 new people added, Governor and Lt Governor support elders, surveys to be returned by 3/10/23 with 27% already returned, 3 focus groups will be held March 15th by U MASS Boston, currently have 19,254 elders in the city, one volunteer is needed this week to pack up LP's. State Guide for Members of Public Boards and Commission was distributed and everyone is requested to read it.

Building Update – Move to be done on Tuesday, March 28th with the last programs being held the week of 3/17 at the COA, bids are going out in April, packing will happen the week of 3/20 at the COA and volunteers are needed, library hosting Grief Support and Parkinson Support, vendors and instructors are being told the moving date to the Shaws Center which will be weeks 1 or 2 in April. An open house is planned for May at the Shaws Center, no April Board meeting

Michelle's Report – volunteers are need to be greeters & tour guides at the Shaws Center, DBA discussed homeless sleeping under bridges, DBA membership is \$50.00 for an individual, new police officers have been sworn in, green space behind Joe Angelos to be upgraded, Lion's Club cleaning and fixing eye glasses the third Thursday from 6-8

Christina's Report – A number of OLLI (Life long learning) opportunities are scheduled by U MASS Boston, you must register in advance, Pet Pantry will be

March 17 from 930-1030 at COA. First Responders' mass will be at St Edith Stein on March 11th

Lauren's Report – MA Health sending BLUE envelopes out to update members' info, this is truly from MA Health, Senior buy in has increased from \$1,473 to \$2,309 per individual, fuel assistance deadline is April 30, 2023, anyone on Medicare can receive 8 free Covid test kits per month until May 11, 2023

NEXT MEETING – May 1, 2023. NO APRIL MEETING