

Council on Aging (COA) Advisory Board

Minutes from Meeting Monday January 12, 2026 at 9:00AM

At Lowell Senior Center

Roll Call/Sign - In: In attendance: Frank Baskin, Maxine Farkas, Richard Demers, Gilda James, Beverly Gonsalves (Recorder) Andy Hostetler, Molyka Tieng, Erin Gendron & Judy Huber.

II Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of the December 8, 2025 minutes: First by Maxine second by Andy, all others were in favor.

IV. Director's Report: Kimberly Gagnon: the cameras are very useful. One of the outdoor one points to Monarch. The staff is back from Holiday. Kim says we are good and confident for the new year. Friends provided a tablet to the Director.

V. Chairperson's Report

Dick said that the cameras are on the Internet and tablet. The inside is very important on the original system. We need a camera for the elevator and a couple in the stairway. Dick wants to hold a BINGO in May but we will need a custodian and Staff to cover. Richard also spoke about the two levels in the Great Room that need to be looked into. Molyka said that the Executive Session could look into the space above the Great Room. Molyka also said that no one knows what is going on now with the vacant Walgreens.

Maxine said that she is going to the Friends meeting to request money for programs. Kim said that "On the Move" is the most popular program. We got a microphone for that program. Maxine said that she applies for Women Working Wonders & received a few thousand dollars. Funds can be donated on Facebook. Maxine said that the programs run the Art Program.WiFi.

VI Committee & Liaison Reports:

a. Grant updates: Maxine said that no grant has been received. She does not know how much we will receive for 2027. Aurora is the Program Director but she does not get anything. She has nothing to work with.

b. Outreach Committee:

c. Liaison reports/connections with other local/regional agencies.

Andy spoke about the park which will be near the Leroy Garage.

d. Healthy Aging Committee

VII Items for Discussion:

Old Business

VIII OTHER

Guest Speaker

Nancy Pitkin from the Learning in Retirement Association (LIRA). Nancy went over some of the programs available to members and non-members. I have a copy of the many subjects and programs available. (Attached Beverly).

Possible Group Picture: was taken of the LCOA, all were in attendance.

IX Adjournment

First by Andy, second by Maxine, all others were in favor.

Next meeting: Monday February 9, 2026 @ 9:00 AM