

## BrooklineCAN Membership Committee

February 12, 2014

### Notes

Attending: Peter Ames, Doris Feldman, Ellen Young, and Molly Turlish.

Absent: Kathy Burnes, Ruthann Dobek, Karen Fischer, Bea Mikulecky, Shirley Partoll, Sonia Wong

**Membership numbers:** As of the meeting date, BrooklineCAN had 268 paid members. This number 32 higher than in January, indicating that renewals are picking up.

**February newsletter:** The February newsletter has more articles than usual about BrooklineCAN. Extra copies have been printed and are being distributed to libraries, banks, etc.

**“Elevator speech”:** Two recently published statements were combined into a draft that will be reviewed at the March meeting.

Brookline Community Aging Network – BrooklineCAN – is an all-volunteer organizations that

- Enables older residents to remain independent and fully engaged in the life of the community,
- Advocates with town agencies on behalf of Brookline’s older residents.

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**Outreach to Town Meeting Members:** A draft email was reviewed. It will be sent to Frank & Carol Caro for editing before it goes out.

**Renewals:** Special letters to charter members who are no longer active/paid members will be drafted, along with a letter to former members who joined in the second year. We will seek volunteers to call for follow-up. Priscilla Smith has agreed to take care of email outreach to members whose renewal is due. The system needs to be set up.

**Multi-year memberships:** We continued discussing offering multi-year memberships. The concept will be considered at least once more before presenting it to the Steering Committee. Possibility: offer a three-year membership at each level (individual through Platinum), call the category “Sustaining Members,” offer a three-year membership to individuals for \$65 and \$110 for households. Payments for three-year memberships at the Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum levels will be discussed at the March meeting.

**Next meeting, Wednesday, March 12:**

- Time: 3-4:30 at the Senior Center

- Agenda items: looking again at the “elevator speech,” multi-year memberships; new topic: monthly membership meetings

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