

# Ashland Council on Aging

Meeting Minutes for March 5, 2026

**Called to order at 10:30 a.m.**

## **Attendees: Board Members**

**Donna Rombauer Alexis Christopher Debbie  
Connaughton Rosangela Wilner Meredith Gingrich  
Steve Mitchell (arrived 11:10 am)**

Absent: **Eve Aseltine**

## **Guests:**

**Candi Wilson (Director) Beth Amsler FOACOA  
Joe Magnani Mark Dempsey**

**Mission Statement:** Read by Debbie

## **Secretary's Minutes:**

Donna moved to approve the February 5, 2026 minutes. Meredith seconded the motion. Approved 5-0

## **Citizen Participation:**

- Mark Dempsey: Metrowest Center for Independent living

**Directors Report:** Candi shared her report, and the following discussions were had:

- Events / Rides / Services / Volunteers / Total people served / Trips / New participants
- Newsletter deadlines to Mary
- American Red Cross Blood Drive: March 17th
- Outreach/transportation update: SNAP: benefit have been decreased; SMOC: residents are receiving Fuel Assistance funding
- Funding Requests: Jimmy Buffet Party in Paradise: Sept Evening event 5:00 pm
- New Trip Coordinator for the Friends: Mary Cella
- FOACOA lunches
- Metrowest Alzheimer's Partnership Event: Apr 28, 2026 - 10am ~ 12pm

Alexis moved to approve the Directors report, Debbie seconded it  
Approved 6-0

**Monthly Updates:**

Funding

**New Business:**

**Around the Table:**

COA Table at Farmers Market

2026 Community Hero Award

Opening meeting and citizen participation

**Adjournment: 11:55 a.m.**

Motion to adjourn was made by Debbie and seconded by Meredith

Approved 6-0

Submitted by Rosangela Wilner

Documents distributed: Director's Report