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Date: March 21 at 7:30 AM

Present: Kaye Peltier, Lee Ayotte, Edna LaPan, Kevin Higginbottom, Marie Kosiba, Stuart Mulhane, Richard Townsend, Sarabeth Persiani, Betty Hamilton and Judith O'Connor

Absent: Steve Walinsky

Vouchers: Vouchers were signed at this meeting.

Minutes: A motion to accept the December minutes was made by Rick Townsend, Seconded by Marie Kosiba. Vote: unanimous.

No Minutes for January meeting – cancelled due to snow storm.

No Minutes for February meeting – cancelled lack of quorum.

CORRESPONDENCE:

We received a flyer from Elder Services regarding the March for Meals Month and the showing of a screening of “Leftover”. It’s a documentary on senior citizens and Hunger that will be shown on 3/23 at the Worcester Senior Center.

We received an E-mail from ESWA asking for a personal donation of \$37.00 for the Meals on Wheels program. This will provide a weekly supply of meals to an elderly individual.

We received a letter from the Millbury Savings Bank committing \$25,000 to the Community Energy Assistance Program. The Bank will pay \$350.00 for oil, natural gas, or electric directly to the energy suppliers. Ms. O'Connor will fill out the application and determine eligibility. The program will run from Jan. 1st to April 1st.

A letter was received from the Town Manager appointing Ms. O'Connor as the alternate to the Worcester Regional Transit Authority Advisory Board. Ms. O'Connor stated that she attended the last meeting and that WRTA is thinking of cutting Bus services to Millbury due to a reduction of State funding.

We received an e-mail from Tufts Medicare Preferred announcing that they has representatives that will connect with the Spanish population.

We received an e-mail from EOEA regarding the contract for the Formula Grant. We received it and it was signed by the Town Manager and returned.

We received an e-mail from Congressman McGovern asking us to schedule a visit for him. The Congressmen will come to the Senior Center on Wednesday May 2nd at 11:00 AM.

STANDING REPORTS:

- A. Budget and Finance – Ms. Peltier reported that she asked for a copy of our Budget and has attended the Finance committee meetings.

B. Personnel- All personnel issues are being discussed with HR.

C. Nominating – We received a letter from Margo Masmanian resigning from the COA Board effective March 19, 2018. Margo has moved to Worcester and will be missed. The Nominating committee will start looking for a replacement.

D. Legislative – We are just waiting to hear on the upcoming State budget

E. Senior Center Usage: - The Olive Branch Lodge of the Mason's would like to hold a Blood Drive here on March 24th from 7 AM to 4 PM. The motion to let the Mason use the hall was made by Edna LaPan. Seconded by Betty Hamilton. Vote unanimous.

F. Building Maintenance/Equipment. - Ms. O'Connor reported that the freezer needed to be repaired after we lost power due to the snow storm. All of the emergency lights and Exit signs had to be replaced because replacement fuses are no longer available.

Director's Report- Ms. O'Connor reported that our Outreach worker is working on our Town becoming an Aging and Dementia Friendly Community. She has set up some trainings with 2 of the local Banks and the Library. The Master Plan is sending out a survey that was put together by the Students at Bridgewater State Univ. The SNAP program is going extremely well. We have done 35 applications, with 21 individuals receiving benefits, 7 are still pending, 5 were denied and 2 are reapplying. Ms. O'Connor will be looking at a change for the Wednesday evening program. She will try by providing some type of exercise classes. There will no longer be any evening bingo, that volunteer is no longer available. She will continue to do the afternoon bingo. There will also be a need to find a new Yoga instructor as the current one is going back to school full time in September.

OLD BUSINESS

Elder Services of Worcester\Nutrition Program- Ms. Peltier gave an update March for Meals fundraising. Ms. O'Connor reported that the special luncheon events are a big hit and we have several coming up soon. We are going to have a Hot Dog Bar in April and the Pasta Bar in May

Intergenerational Programs/ *Friendly Visitor* - Ms. O'Connor reported that we have 5 new clients for our Friendly Visitor program..

Elder Service Work-off Program - We have added 2 new workers and we lost one gentleman.

Special Gift Committee: We will be scheduling a meeting so that we can plan the event in the beginning of May.

Report on the Friends of the Millbury Seniors, Inc. - Ms. O'Connor reported that the individuals who sponsored our summer concert are not going to continue. She has scheduled 2 concerts one in June (Fab4) sponsored by the Arts Council and one in Aug. (Eddie Forman Polka Band) cosponsored by One Care of Millbury. She will look for other sponsors and is hoping for an additional one in July.

New Business:

Holiday Meals Report: We delivered 52 Holiday meals on Christmas Day.

Boston Post Cane: The next recipient is currently in a rehab facility and the family will get back to us to let us know when she will return home.



OTHER BUSINESS:


Ms. Peltier discussed the nomination of the Executive Director for the COA Director of the Year award. It was voted unanimous that it be sent to MCOA.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:45 AM by Richard Townsend.
Seconded by Edna LaPan Vote Unanimous.

Next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 7:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith A. O'Connor


Richard Townsend

Kaye Peltier


Marie Kosiba

Stuart Mulhane

Vacancy


Sarahbeth Persiani

Betty Hamilton



Edna LaPan


Kevin Higginbottom

Stephen Walinsky

Lee Ayotte
