

MINUTES

COUNCIL ON AGING

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Date: March 21, 2012 at 7:30 A.M.

Present: Richard Townsend, Lorraine Hayes, Helen Mankevetch, Lee Ayotte, Betty Hamilton, Edna LaPan, Margo Masmanian, Marie Kosiba and Judith A. O'Connor

Absent: Everett Grahn, Steve Walinsky and Stuart Mulhane

Vouchers: Signed by all members present.

Minutes: A motion to accept the March minutes was made by Lee Ayotte. Seconded by Lorraine Hayes, Vote unanimous.

Correspondence

A letter from Elder Services announcing that due to the State's budget cuts that there will be a Waiting List the services. This is effective March 1st Those with the highest level of unmet needs will not wait for service.

A letter from the Board of Selectmen announcing Student Government Day will be on Friday, April 27. They are asking all Departments to get involved. The Senior Center will once again host the lunch and we will transport the congregate meals participants to Grafton for lunch.

A memo from the Exec, Office of Elder Affairs announcing National Healthcare Decision Day on April 16th. This would be for us to promote healthcare planning and decision-making. This is to promote their future health needs.

Report of Standing Committee

- A. *Budget & Finance* – We have not received a copy of our final budget to-date. The town Manager did tell the executive director that all employees would be receiving a raise. He did not give amounts as there are Union contract to be considered. The Chairman did express concern that the Town Manager never responded to the letter that was sent regarding a salary increase for the executive director.
- B. *Personnel* – Mrs. O'Connor stated that she does not have any pressing issues at this time regarding the staff. She is looking to train a few more volunteers to cover the office in afternoons.
- C. *Nominating* – No report given.
- D. *Legislative* – Mrs. O'Connor reported that we need to call Senator Moore and Rep. Frost regarding the Formula Grant and ask them to keep it at \$7.00 per elder. This would be level funded.

- E. Senior Center – Policy Committee- We have a request from the Millbury Fire Department Ladies Aux. to hold a fund-raiser here at the Senior Center of March 31 from 4 to 7 PM.(a pasta dinner). The person responsible will be Marie Kosiba A motion was made by Lee Ayotte to allow the Ladies Aux. to hold this event. Seconded by Margo Masmanian. Vote Unanimous.

Mr. Ayotte updated the Board on the Senior Center Policy for usage. All members received a final draft copy and discussion followed. Mr. Ayotte made a motion to table the vote on the new policy until the April meeting. Seconded by Edna LaPan. Vote Unanimous..

- F. Building Maintenance – The custodian is trying to address a minor issue with the finial on the building. After the new roof was put on the workmen did not secure it properly. He will add some braces.

The Board members was given an update on the statue, in memory of Harold, and how it was be places in the Garden. Mr. Ayotte will design the lettering on the plaque.

Director’s monthly report. - Was given to all those present.

Old Business

Elder Care Services/Nutrition Program-. Mrs. O’Connor read the letter regarding the waiting list for some of the services. She stressed that it does not include clients wanting meals on wheels.

Intergenerational/Friendly Visitor – Mrs. Bott is looking for Readers to be part of the Social Issues Group from the High School. She would like 6 to 8 individuals to read the book “Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand” They would discuss the book over High Tea at the Center and have a good interaction study.

Elder Community Service – Mrs. O’Connor stated that she has added a couple of new individuals, and has lost 5 that no longer want to be part of the program.

WRTA Update – We are getting ready to find out the new figures for the up-coming budget. Also the ground breaking for the New Hub will be happening soon.

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mrs. O’Connor gave a presentation of the Food Pantry. Millbury residents can come to the party once a month, they need to give name address and proof that they live at that address. The food in our pantry comes from the Worcester County Food Bank in Shrewsbury and a monthly collection comes from the First Church in Bramanville. When we go to the Food Bank we must have a two or more people and one must have had the food safety training. The food from the Food Bank is salvage and the “friends” group pays for it. (by the pound). The Friends group also receives donations from many contributors, for the pantry and we give out gift cards to Goretti’s Market. This would be for needed items not in the pantry i.e. paper products, personal hygiene, etc. Items also received from the Food Bank are frozen meals, cheese, produce

or what ever the local farmers bring in fruits and vegetables. The volunteers and staff at our Center, unload the Van and the food in placed on the shelves. The boxes of food are extremely heavy especially the canned good and juices.

TREASURER REPORT: Balances as of 3/31/12


Salaries (adm) \$15,899.23 – Salaries (all other) \$17,161.08 - Purchased Services \$14,626.25
Supplies \$637.31 – Other expense \$\$1,374.55 - EOE A Formula Grant \$6,848.69

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

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 7:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith O'Connor


Richard Townsend



Marie Kosiba


Helen Mankevetch


Margaret Masmanian

Stuart Mulhane

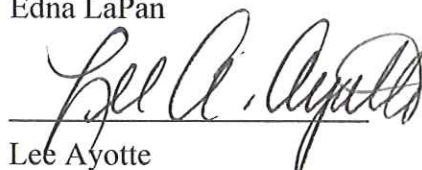
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