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COUNCIL ON AGING

Date: May 15, 2013 at 7:30 A.M.

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

Absent: Everett Grahn, and Stuart Mulhane

Vouchers: The vouchers were signed by all members present

Minutes: A motion to accept the April minutes was made by Edna LaPan , Seconded by Marie Kosiba. Vote unanimous.

Correspondence

A letter from Ed Roth, Central Regional Director, of the Shine Program telling us it's time to renew Memorandum of Understanding with Councils on Aging, Aging Service Access Points and Agencies on Aging. A motion was made by Edna LaPan for the Chairman Richard Townsend to sign the agreement, It was seconded by Steve Walinsky. Vote Unanimous.

A memo was received from the Senior Focus group announcing a Symposium "Changing the Way we Age". that will be offered on May 30th at the Manor restaurant in West Boylston, MA. Free Admission. The flyers were posted at the Center.

An e-mail was received from the Worcester County Food Bank asking for support for the SNAP Program. We were asked to contact our congressman. The Federal cuts would affect the monies received for all food programs, including food stamps and surplus items for Meals on Wheels, etc. Mrs. O'Connor reported that she called and left a message with Congressman McGovern's staff regarding this matter.

Report of Standing Committee

- A. *Budget & Finance* – The COA budget was passed at Town Meeting. There were 2 articles concerning the COA that also passed. Article 11 for the Elder Community Services program in the amount of \$20,000 and Article 10 authorizing a revolving account for program fees. There will be a special Town Meeting in June to revisit budgets, as there will be cuts when the House and Senate come up with their budgets. This current budget went on the Governor's figures. Mr. Walinsky suggested that some of the current formula grant be used for the new telephones needed at the Center. This is due to a surplus.
- B. *Personnel* – Ms. O'Connor reported that she e-mail the Town Manager with a request to post the position of Adm. Asst. for the COA (replacement for Mrs. Klosek). The Managers respond was he was going to hold off for now. He needed to look into some things. Mrs. O'Connor also reported that she has added a few hours to the Jr. Clerks

hours. The Jr. Clerk can work up to 19.5 hours as there are monies available in the salary (all other) account. The Town Manager did instruct her to do whatever is necessary to cover the hours of operation. No staff person should be paid over 19.5 hours. All Formula grant staff are not to work more than 9.5 hours per week.

- C. Nominating – no report
- D. Legislative – Our concerns are with the State budget and the formula grants for the COA's . also the shortfall for the SNAP Program.
- E. Senior Center – Policy Committee-We have one request at this time. The custodian would like to use the building on June 23 from 1 PM to % PM for his daughter shower. A motion was made by Lee Ayotte to allow Mr. Iadrola to use the senior center on June 23rd. Seconded by Lorraine Hayes. Vote Unanimous
A reminder that the Senior Class (MHS) will be having their supper her on May 30th from 6 PM to 9 PM.

.F. Building Maintenance/Equipment. – Mrs. O'Connor reported that she contacted Mr. Rochon about the outside sign. He will have a quote for the repair and the re-painting of the sign. The gold leaf is very expensive now that gold is at an all time high. Mrs. O'Connor requested that the Senior Center be decorated (outside) from Memorial Day to the 4th of July for the Bicentennial. A motion was made by Lorraine Hayes that we bunting the Senior Center for the Bicentennial celebration, Seconded by Marie Kosiba. Vote Unanimous

OLD BUSINESS

Elder Care Services/Nutrition Program-. No report – Elder Services meets next week.

Intergenerational/Friendly Visitor – The “Helping Hands” program is going strong we have many teens doing Spring raking and mowing for the elderly. We are looking for more clients for the Friendly visitor program.

Mission Statement – Lee Ayotte presented The Mission Statement to the Board. The Board members went with the final draft.

“The Mission of the Millbury Council on Aging is to be the voice of our Senior Citizens by identifying their needs and creating programs designed to meet those needs, It is also to create and maintain a warm, friendly and caring environment to attract seniors to our Center”.

We are also adding “Come grow with us” as our vision statement that will also appear on our letterhead,

The members also decided that our Mission Statement would be written on the top of the Agenda page each month. A large sign will be purchased with the Mission Statement on so that it is seen by all who enter the building.

Report on the Friends of the Millbury Seniors, Inc.- The “Friends” group received over \$1,800.00 in memory of Eleanor Klosek. Her family asked if there could be something bought as a remembrance of her 26 years of volunteer service.. The “Friends would like o purchase a stone bench in memory of her. It would be in Honor of our volunteers. A motion was made by Edna

LaPan that we allow a stone bench to be placed in the garden in memory of Eleanor Klosek. Seconded by Lorraine Hayes. Vote Unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS

The birthday Party was a huge success, extremely well attended, Paul Kollios gave a wonderful revisit to the history of the start of the COA.

Mrs. O'Connor will be on vacation from June 17th through June 22nd. A motion was made by Lee Ayotte to change the June meeting date from June 19th to June 26th, Seconded by Edna LaPan. Vote Unanimous.

Mr. Walinsky wants to keep open the discussion of an Adult Day Health Center coming back to the Town of Millbury. He will serve on this sub-committee along with Betty Hamilton and Rich Townsend.

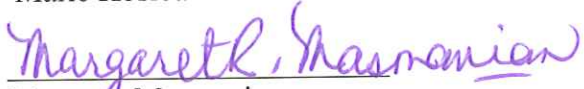
TREASURER REPORT: Voucher totals for May – Nat. Grid, \$426.84; Casella, \$111.24; V&G Plumbing, \$370.00, Belmont Spring \$5.38, Ray's True Value \$68.17, NStar, \$219.34, Sprague, \$406.27, EOEI Formula Grant \$101.98(postage). Friends \$1,230.00, 1,248.00, 213.03, 790.00, 1,432.00, 105.00, 162.00, 125,26, & 57.71. (outreach/visitor/intergen/S&M/ mileage

A motion to adjourn at 9:05 AM was made by Lee Ayotte. Seconded by Lorraine Hayes. Vote Unanimous

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 26, 2013 at 7:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith O'Connor


Marie Kosiba


Margaret Masmanian


Everett Grahn


Lorraine Hayes

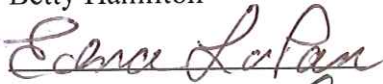
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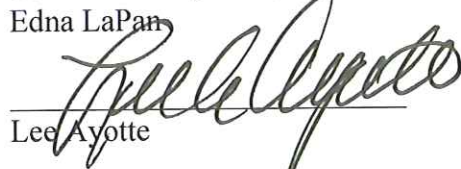
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