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Date: October 18, 2017 at 7:30 AM

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

Absent: Betty Hamilton

Vouchers: Vouchers were signed at this meeting.

Minutes: A motion to accept the September minutes was made by Rick Townsend, Seconded by Edna LaPan. Vote: unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE:

We received an E-mail from DOT giving us information about the up-coming ADA Transition Plan Public Meetings. There will be a meeting planned for Nov. 6 at 3PM at the Worcester Public Library.

We received an E-mail from the Exec. Office of Elder Affairs regarding the Formula Grant. The announcement will be made next week at \$9.70 per elder. Our census of persons 60+ (2000) is 2,894 and amount we will receive will be \$28,072.

We received the notification of the Dementia Friendly Communities of Mass conference on Nov. 9th. Ms. O'Connor reported that she and Sarahbeth Persiani will be attending.

STANDING REPORTS:

- A. Budget and Finance – Ms O'Connor reported that a new Finance Director was hired and should be starting in the next few weeks.
- B. Personnel- Ms. O'Connor reported that she started giving the new Outreach Coordinator more hours as we have started the SNAP application program.
- C. Nominating - No Report
- D. Legislative – The issues are the Medicare changes that need to be made by Dec. 7th.
- E. Senior Center Usage: - The 1st Congregational Church of Millbury would like to use the main function room for their Turkey Raffle on November 17th. A motion was made by Edna LaPan to allow the usage of the building to the 1st Church. Seconded by Rick Townsend. Vote Unanimous.
- F. Building Maintenance/Equipment. - Ms. O'Connor reported that we have had several major repairs needed for equipment here at the Center. The copy machine in the office needed a new part, the refrigerator and the dishwasher in the kitchen also needed major repairs. Ms. O'Connor reminded the Board members that all the equipment in the senior center is at least 20 years old. Discussion followed regarding a future need for replacement equipment to be purchased as a capital expense.

Director's Report- Ms. O'Connor reported that we held a flu clinic and 81 clients were served. She met the new Building Insp. and the Human Resource Director. Sen Moore will be hosting a free Turkey luncheon here on Nov. 7th at 12 noon. We are having a Medicare informational with the Shine program on Oct. 23rd. We are also added a new Shine volunteer to assist us one additional day a month.

OLD BUSINESS

Elder Care Services\Nutrition Program- Ms. Peltier reported on the annual meeting held at Holy Cross. Sen Chandler was the guest speaker and the subject was Dental Health Care for the elderly. Ms. O'Connor reported that we are trying to encourage more participation at the noon Nutrition program. We are offering a Pasta Bar on the 25th and soup and corn beef sandwich on the 20th; and Hot Dog day is always well attended. We are working with the Site Manager for new ideas and fun things to do.

Intergenerational Programs/ *Friendly Visitor* - Ms. O'Connor reported that we will be contacting all home bound individuals to see if you can help them apply for the SNAP program.

Elder Service Work-off Program - We are always looking for new workers. We have added a worker to the Asa Waters Mansion.

Special Gift Committee: The Pergolas has been put up and we will finish in the Spring. Mr. Walinsky was the Project Manager and supervised the workers. Looks great!

Report on the Friends of the Millbury Seniors, Inc. - Ms. O'Connor reported that they will hold a Halloween party at the noon luncheon. The annual Fair will be held on the 11th of November. With the announcement of the new replacement van coming at the end of June 2018, they will need to start a major fund-raising campaign,

New Business:

The Senior Center and the Office will be closed on November 10th for the Veterans Day Holiday.


OTHER BUSINESS:


The Opioids Task Force has asked for a member of the COA Board to become involved. They meet once a month. Ms. Peltier will attend the meeting on Nov. 1 at 6 PM at the Library for more information.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:30 AM by Marie Kosiba. Seconded by Margo Masmanian. Vote Unanimous.

Next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 7:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith A. O'Connor



Richard Townsend

Kaye Peltier

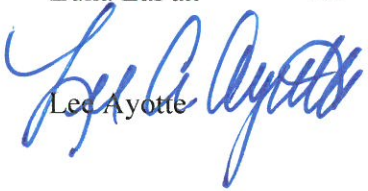
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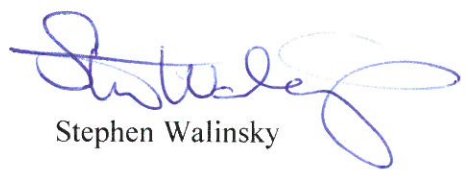
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