

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Veteran's Memorial Building, Rm 19
2900 Main Street, Millis, MA 02054
MEETING NOTES FROM October 11, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: Mary Skilling called the meeting to order at 9:40 am.

The following persons were present:, COA Director Patty Kayo, Chairman, Mary Skilling, Secretary Helen Daly, Linda Beyer, Bill Brown, Maria Neville, Carol LaFreniere, Eleanor Harkins, Sam Howie
Special Request Guest: Maryann

- A resident would like to be able to come back to the Senior Center after being uninvited last year. After a discussion it was agreed that she be invited back with a 3 month probationary period.

Secretary's report accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report

- Michael O'Keefe's secretary is formulating the budget paperwork, but is currently on vacation. Patty hopes to have everything in place by next meeting.
- Treasurer's report will be presented by Patty at November meeting.
- Formula Grant cannot be used for Capital Expenses but can be used for everything else as line items.
- We currently receive \$8.00/ per town senior.

Motion to accept report made by Linda, seconded by Bill

HESSCO Report –

- Maria has volunteered to serve on the Finance Committee for HESSCO
- Discussed “Congregate” meals – free breakfasts are being offered but must be eaten at the Senior Center – cannot be taken home.
- Mentioned the new rules discussed at the annual conference of the MA Council on Ageing – hospitals can now put you under observation in the Emergency Room rather than admitting you – insurance does not cover this. HESSCO is looking into the problem.
- Maria has updated meeting notes and will leave in Carol's office.

Motion to accept by Ellinor, seconded by Linda

Outreach report-

- Carol will go to Fuel Assistance meeting next week – will make appointments after 11/1/13. More people are applying for this and assistance is cut back by about 6%. Last year there were approximately 68 applications – Carol will have exact figure for next meeting.
- SHINE is now asking their representatives to help younger people to complete applications. Dan Harp is current SHINE representative for Millis.
- Ellinor received 4 page application – she was advised to bring it Dan Harp for his assistance in filling it out.
- Bill questioned if income requirements have been changed? Currently the figure for one person is \$32,065.

Motion made to accept made by Linda Beyer. Seconded by Bill

Director's Report

- Patty has been approached by Lauree Ricciardelli on behalf of the Lions Club. They have offered to fund a 55” TV and some cardio training CD's for the Senior Center in the amount of \$948.99. This offer hinges on the amount they raise at their fund raiser (Brew Fest) taking place on 10/26.

- Patty spoke with Jim McKay regarding signage. They have requested a meeting with Charlie to firm up the signs – will they use wood or metal? Jim supports the suggestions that Patty brought to him.
- Patty spoke with Mark who is in charge of the Lions announcement board. He has agreed to put COA items on it.

Motion made by Linda Beyer to accept, Second Bill Brown.

No Chairman's Report

Old Business:

- Fall Warrant issues are priority – refer to previous minutes re: staffing issues.
- The St. Paul's issue has been put on the back burner for the moment. This is not the time to discuss new venue.

New Business:

- Ellinor asked if we could re-institute the presenting of the Boston Post Cane? Patty has this cane plus the back-up cane in her office. Patty will put this item on the Agenda for the next meeting and will have up to date info on who was the last Millis resident to receive it.
- Thanksgiving Day Feast will take place on 11/13 – Wednesday at Noon. Linda Dillon will cook again. Help will be needed in the kitchen and as servers. \$7.00 per ticket – pre-payment is requested.
- The Annual Christmas Party is scheduled for 12/18 – Wednesday at Noon. Patty will ask Linda Dillon if she will cook again and what would she suggest we have? Again, the fee will be \$7.00 with prepayment required.
- Patty is working with the Vets to see if they will come to the Center on Veteran's Day – 11/14 and talk about their experiences.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:15

Next COA Board Meeting: November 15, 2013 at 9:30 am