

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mary Skilling called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. The following persons were present: Chairman Mary Skilling, COA Director Patty Kayo, Outreach coordinator Carol LaFreniere, Secretary Helen Daly, Sam Howie, Linda Beyer,

Secretary's report accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report

- Formula Grant monies received late – Patty will transfer monies from this to cover deficit balances on current report.

Motion to accept report made by Sam Howie, seconded by Linda Beyer

No HESSCO Report – there is still no volunteer.

Outreach report presented by Carol LaFreniere:

- Fuel Assistance requests already received from 35 people as compared to 38 received whole season FY12. Although the report shows 35 individuals – actual request shows 111 calls handled by Carol. Acceptances are slow in coming from SMOC (up to 2 months late).
- Discounts may also be available for electric usage from SMOC (20-30%) – Verizon is also offering discounts.
- 10 people had signed up for Holiday meals – they all seemed happy with this year's food offerings.
- Due to time constraints Carol is unable to do cold calling and friendly visits to those needing our contact.

Motion to accept Outreach Report made by Linda Beyer, seconded by Sam Howie

Director's Report

- Patty reports on findings for Friends dues from surrounding towns:
Sharon , Medfield - \$10, Foxboro - \$7.00, Norfolk - \$3.00 (\$5.00/couple), Norwood,
Dedham - \$5.00, Wrentham, Plainville, Walpole \$0.00

Motion made to suggest to the Friends that Millis dues be increased to \$6.00

Accepted - Patty will e-mail to Friends

- Michelle keeps track of all dues received for COA reports
- Friend's ledger still not being passed to COA by Friends – there may be others interested in helping with this bookkeeping. Patty and Helen will check with these people.
- Suggested by Patty that a per diem driver position be hired as back up for illness/ vacations. We have hired one part time driver and there is an ad in the paper for an additional part time driver.

Motion made to accept made by Linda Beyer. Seconded by Sam Howie

No Chairman's Report

Old Business:

- Handicapped Parking still an issue. Mike advised Helen that he has already reviewed the question at the request of Charlie Aspinwall. Patty would have to go back to Charlie to ask for re-consideration – we must follow the chain of command. Patty states she has been approached by a handicapped resident regarding his dismay regarding the inaccessibility.
- Exploratory committee for new Senior Center will be scratched until we have an active Friends Group.
- Sign Committee – Patty will check with Jim McKay regarding sign. Carol will take picture of Medfield's sign and Helen will take picture of Holliston's sign on Goulding St. which Patty will forward to Jim.
- Newspaper articles have expanded but still do not show complete list of events at the Senior Center.
- We have 4 people signed up for the new Crafts Group held on Tuesdays from 10am-2pm
- Valentine's. Day Tea will be held on February 14 – Helen will check with the Garden Club to see if they would be interested in having a flower arranging class again this year.
- St Patrick's Day luncheon will be held on 3/13 – Linda Dillen will do the cooking for this.

Bingo coverage not working – Patty will put request in the newsletter for a new caller.

Motion made by Sam Howie to adjourn at 10:35. Seconded by Mary Skilling. The motion passed unanimously

Next COA Board Meeting: March 8, 2013