

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Veteran's Memorial Building, Rm 19
2900 Main Street, Millis, MA 02054
MEETING NOTES FROM February 14, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: Mary Skilling called the meeting to order at 9:06 am.

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

Secretary's report – Approved as presented

Motion made by Linda to approve as amended second by Bill

Treasurer's Report

- Patty is working with Peggy from Michael O'Keefe's office to make final update on report.

Motion to accept report made by Linda, seconded by Bill

HESSCO Report –

- Maria reported that she attended the last HESSCO meeting and brought back information for the COA members to consider:
- Healthy Aging Collaborative – may be reached at www.mahealthyagingcollaborative.org
- Legislative hearing to be held in Dedham to review budget – proposal to increase wages of the home health care workers
- Refer to copy of an e-mail (attached) which outlines meeting notes from Feb. 11, 2014 – focused on the recommendations of the Council Legislative Committee.
- Maria reports that a number of fund raisers were discussed including HESSCO's annual Road Race and a Dinner/Dance to be held at Patriot Place on 6/1/2014

Motion to accept by Linda, seconded by Bill

Outreach report-

- Carol reports that January was a particularly busy month for her – making home visits, fuel assistance, Millis Fund, MA Health Applications, etc. She reports that there is a total of 67 people on fuel assistance in Millis and that there has been an increase in funding of \$200 to recipients.
- She has also made a number of nursing home visits and has recorded a large number of falls due to the inclement weather.

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

Director's Report – No report – see Old Business notes

No Chairman's Report

Old Business:

- Patty reports that the budget has been finalized and that she has formulated a Power Point presentation with the help of Bonnie Hilton and others to present to both the FinCom and the Selectmen.
- She is asking that all committee members attend both the FinCom meeting on 2/26 and the Selectman's meeting on 3/24 – both at 7:30 pm
- A letter has been written and all seniors have been asked by signing to show their support for the requested changes in salaries and extended staffing hours and operating hours of the center to 4:30 per day (except Fridays).
- Patty is working with Madeline Yusna to confirm that correct format is used in her presentation

- Patty has met with Charlie and stressed the fact that we have had a 52% increase in senior population since 2004
- Patty will ask Brooks Corl of the Friends about a mass mailing asking for support of the Senior Center
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New Business:

- Valentine's Day Tea has been re-scheduled until 2/19 @10:30 AM due to snow storm. Daisy girl scouts are scheduled to attend with Valentine's cards for each Senior and a plant will be offered by the Garden Club as a raffle item at the tea
- Grandparents Day is scheduled for 2/21 – "Turbo" the movie will be shown
- George Trumbour will present "Wild Life in Millis" on 3/14 at 10AM
- The annual St Patty's Day's luncheon is scheduled for 3/17 at Noon – Corned Beef and Cabbage will again be the menu

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Linda, seconded by Bill

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM

Next COA Board Meeting: March 14, 2014 at 9:00 am