

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Veteran's Memorial Building, Rm 19
900 Main Street, Millis, MA 02054
MEETING NOTES FROM October, 10, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 9:10 am.

The following persons were present:, COA Director Patty Kayo, Secretary Helen Daly, Maria Neville, Bill Brown, Carol LeFrenier, Brooks Corl, Friends Treasurer

As there is not a quorum at this meeting it will be a discussion meeting only with the following items presented:

HESSCO Discussion:

1. Elder Affairs questions handling of Protective Services Group – Lyndsay Greener (lead case worker) has been hired to oversee the program
2. Carol noted that at the last meeting she attended that they stressed “Freedom over Safety”
3. Under the current laws even though it's known that conditions are less that desirable – no one can go in
4. A meeting will be held 10/20 – “Learn to get going” for COA leaders. Maria will attend this meeting
5. HESSCO board meetings are closed to the public
6. “Healthy Living for me.org” – Free programs – must attend at COA – Ann Marie Gagnon will be going to all COA's to discuss.
7. Legislative Programs are lengthy – must present program 3x's in House, Senate, and Governor – if any changes are written in it must then repeat the process until approval as written.

General Discussion:

1. Patty met with the friends this past Wednesday – the following suggestions were made:
 - Sing-a-long with Everard on Wednesday afternoons
 - Using the new Bingo Board – discussed shifting of the Bingo times
 - Polka games initiated/ led by Mary Russo
 - Line dancing – must find an instructor
 - Trivia and whist games
2. \$350 grant from the Cultural Council received – will be used to cover new videos – Brooks is working on ordering these.
3. Friends gave money to purchase a locking cabinet for Candy's Corner
4. A driver resigned his position last Friday – Patty is currently seeking a new driver – she is proposing hiring two new drivers and dividing the hours between them
5. Helen mentioned that our goals and services have not been made clear to younger (new) seniors. Even though seniors begin receiving our newsletters at age 60 we need to reiterate what services are available to whom – Patty will write a “Mission Statement” of the COA to be posted in the next newsletter.
6. Jackie Vorpahl will NOT be joining the COA committee. She will write a letter of resignation to the Selectmen.
7. Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Nov. 19th

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM

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

