

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Veteran's Memorial Building, Rm 19
2900 Main Street, Millis, MA 02054
MEETING NOTES FROM December, 12, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: Mary Skilling called the meeting to order at 9:15 am.

The following persons were present: Chairman, Mary Skilling, Secretary Helen Daly, Maria Neville, Bill Brown, Carol LeFrenier

Secretary's report – accepted as written

Motion made by Bill to approve as presented second by Mary

Treasurer's Report

- November Treasurers Report was submitted. Patty will review at next meeting

HESSCO Report

- Annual meeting was held last week, Kathy O'Neal received her 5 year pin

Motion made by Bill to approve as presented second by Helen

Outreach report

- Fuel assistance applications still strong. N-Star rates will jump and affect many seniors. The 25% savings that they realized from their fuel assistance monies will more than be spent to cover their electricity due to the big increase
- Ann Ayotte (Tri-County representative) checks in on Kennedy Terrace residents every week and reports any concerns back to Carol. Judy Rice of HESSCO also does this but not on a weekly basis.

Motion made by Bill to approve as presented second by Mary

Director's Report

No Director's Report as Patty is not available for this meeting.

Chairman's Report

- Mary concerned about the discussion of stopping trips now being offered to Millis seniors. She has spoken to Michelle who feels that she can continue to support the administrative function for these trips.
- The COA will continue to offer trips jointly with surrounding towns.

Board recommends that we continue to offer trips to seniors.

Motion made by Bill to accept report second by Helen

- Mary would like to again address the need to fill the empty slots on the COA board. Mary will check with Patty about sending out request to both Judy O'Gara and Donna Cabbibo about posting in their respective publicity newsletters.
- Old Business:
 - Supportive Day review information has been handed to Mary from Patty. It seems that attendance has dropped significantly and that it is now being offered only one day per week. November's budget shows zero dollars collected for the month.
 - Staffing issues continue to be a problem. Ann Potts has resigned as it interferes with her children's schedules. She has agreed to stay on until a replacement can be found, Also, Patty is still looking to hire a 17 hr/week driver.
 - Suggested that the Friends be asked to consider subsidizing Holiday meals so lower income seniors could take advantage of these offerings.

- Carol will add to her Outreach Notes in the next newsletter – “Come to Bingo” – is there a reason you are not coming? Should we change the day or the time to make it more convenient? Do you need a ride?

New Business:

- Service numbers FY 2015 left by Patty for the COA board to review.
- Have we delegated someone to keep the library up to date? Mary noted that the books are not being put back on the shelves and that one of the receiving baskets is missing. She will check with Patty and bring it up at the next scheduled meeting.
- Maria reports that interviews have been held to replace Tricia as head librarian – a 40 hr/week position. Two applicants have been chosen to go forward in the process and to interview with Charlie Aspinwall. In the meantime Maria will continue on as acting librarian.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:045 AM

Next COA Board Meeting: January 9, 2015 at 9:00 am