

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Veteran's Memorial Building, Rm 19
2900 Main Street, Millis, MA 02054
MEETING NOTES FROM March 13, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Mary Skilling called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. The following persons were present:, COA Director Patty Kayo, Secretary Helen Daly, Bill Brown, Maria Neville, Carol LaFreniere, Kaplan and Sarah Hasanoglu, Brooks Corl

Secretary's report accepted as written.

Notes from Special Meeting of February 27th approved with one addition "Motion unanimously approved by voting members present".

Treasurer's Report

- Formula Grant received (\$8.00 per senior 2010 census).
- Dispatcher wages that had been taken from Transportation Revolving account have been reconciled to the Formula grant line. There will be additional monies available for the volunteer luncheon due to the dispatcher/receptionist opening while we sought to fill that position.

Motion to accept report made by Bill, seconded by Helen

HESSCO Report –

- Last meeting covered different scams that seniors need to be aware of circulating by phone and mail.
- Patty will contact the Better Business Bureau to request a representative to come in to the Senior Center to address these issues.
- Maria reports on a new conveyor belt that automatically moves a patient from a wheel chair onto a bed, changes into a commode and changes back into a wheel chair. The thrust is to keep seniors at home for a longer time – making caretakers jobs easier.

Motion to accept made by Bill, seconded by Helen

Outreach report-

- With the extended hours to 15 per week Carol has been able to do extra home visits.
- She has been advised from some seniors of Publisher Clearing House scams plus others.
- Carol will research the new assistance allowances from the electric company for seniors for A2 assistance.
- Carol will also look into the "secondary electric companies" offers – possibly scam calls.
- Note made that Carol and the Senior Center services all ages – not only seniors. We are an INTAKE SITE for all citizens in need of assistance.

Motion made to accept made by Bill. Seconded by Helen

Director's Report

- Community Transit Grant has been filed which will provide 80% of cost for a new 4 passenger handicapped vehicle. Friends have already pledged \$10,275 to help cover the additional 20% payable by the COA. Answer should be forthcoming in April and funds would be available to cover a 2016 vehicle. Patty has been in touch with Rep. Linsky's office in regards to this grant.
- Patty now has 2 clients in Supportive Day Care, one requiring 2 days care. This means that Patty will be with Supportive Day on Thursdays and the Center is unstaffed from 10am to 2 pm. This presents a problem with people coming to the drop-in center.

- Suggestions were made that we try to get volunteer help for Thursday afternoons for the drop-in center.

Motion made to accept made by Bill. Seconded by Helen

Chairman's Report

- Mary requests an update on the signs that the board voted on last fall. Bryan Riley is in touch with the company that made the current "Millis" sign in front of the Town Hall. Charlie Aspinwall requested that the COA sign be similar in appearance. Update will be on the agenda for next month's meeting. The Friends have agreed to fund the cost.
- St. Patrick's Day luncheon needs new appliances to help with the preparation of the meal. Patty will purchase needed slow cooker and the Friends will cover the cost. There will be music before the meal and room 18 will be decorated for the affair.
- Reference the members that have not been in attendance – Ref ARTICLE IX, Section 1 of COUNCIL ON AGING BY-LAWS:
 1. Regular attendance is expected of all members. Absence of any member for three (3) consecutive meetings, except for reasons of health or extenuating circumstances duly reported to the Chairman in advance of the meetings, shall be cause to request the resignation of that member.
 2. Town by-laws would supersede this Article.

Old Business:

- Board Member recruitment – as of this date there is one (1) open position in the Council. Kaplan Hasanogla has voiced an interest in filling this position. Patty has instructed him to apply at the Selectman's office and fill out required information. The Board unanimously agreed to welcome Kaplan as a new member as soon as he has been appointed by the Board of Selectmen.
- Moderator Jim McCaffrey mentioned at the last Town Meeting the need for volunteers to support the COA – noted that new members are also needed on the Friends of the COA.
- Newly written and distributed by-laws have been accepted as written.
- A gentleman had requested from Patty that if he made a contribution to the purchase of the new senior vehicle that it be named in honor of his deceased wife. Although a precedent has been set with the "Patty Wagon" – it was noted that this vehicle was gifted (entirely paid for) by the family and friends of Pat Simpson. It was suggested that this gentleman might donate a bench to be used at the new horseshoe pit to be dedicated in the spring.

Motion to adjourn made by Bill, Seconded by Helen

Meeting adjourned at 10:35

Next COA Board Meeting: April 10, 2015 at 9:00 AM