

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Veteran's Memorial Building, Rm 19
2900 Main Street, Millis, MA 02054
MEETING NOTES FROM January 11, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Maria called meeting to order at 9:10

The following persons were present:, COA Director Patty Kayo, Chairperson Maria Neville, Secretary Helen Daly, Bill Brown, Brooks Corl, Carol LaFreniere, Bert Lannon, Lisette Walter, Chris McCaffrey, Madeline Yusna – Millis Community Media

Discussion with Madeline regarding programming a Quarterly Program on Cable.

- Web site video and On Demand
- Live stream on van dedication was well received and drew up to 200 viewers
- Verizon channel 38 (30 Bulletin Board), Comcast channel 11 (96 Bulletin Board)
- Suggestions for programs – Crafty Ladies, interview with Burita, exercise group, yoga
- We will need to get volunteers for the filming crew – Patty will put in the next newsletter. Instructions are free and will be made available at the volunteer's schedule.
- Madeline suggests that we start with a promotional program with snips of each program. Keep in mind that written permission will be needed from each participant. In the event of a group feature such as Thanksgiving or Christmas luncheon all we would need is verbal permission from participants.
- “A Day in the Life of your Senior Center” could be the title – consider the production time it would take to piece together a ½ hour program. A quarterly magazine format is available with clips.
- Patty and Madeline will discuss the way forward and will bring to the board at the next meeting.

Secretary's Report

Motion to accept Secretary's Report as written made by Chris – second Bill, Maria abstains

Treasurer's Report

- November and December reports provided – we show short fall in the Municipal Fund (approx. \$900.00 left to use until the Formula Grant is received) – last year the Formula Grant was not received until late April.
- Noted that the postage for the newsletter is going up as we add more seniors (60 years old) and is now \$460.00 per month with the printing cost at \$255.00

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- There was no December meeting. January meeting held this week to discuss “Ageing Services Access Points” – how to get all info to people
- Administrative Services Unit – Medicare has added Med Advantage (HMO) working with Blue Cross/Blue Shield in MA. Which covers “non skilled home base services” – unfortunately Millis and Medfield are finding it hard to get these workers.
- Sonal Patel from Hessco will be visiting here February 7th at 10AM to speak on “Gut Bacteria” Patty will arrange publicity for this presentation.

Outreach Report:

- Carol stresses that finding service workers has been difficult here in Millis.
- She worked with some on the question of Tax Exemptions lapsing
- Fuel assistance requests have been low this season
- Carol is making home visits as able

Director's Report:

- See old and new items

Chairman's Report: -

- No Report

Old Business

- Tasty Tuesdays – clear #1 choice is pizza, Millis House is currently the best choice– hot dogs not as popular, Patty will ask the Friends to fund the February and March events
- Gazebo Committee – we now have 4 members signed up – Patty would like to see 6. She will put another request in the next newsletter.

New Business:

- Valentine's Day breakfast to be held @9:30 on 2/14. The quiche committee (Chris, Brooks, Liz and Helen) will make quiche. Brooks will supply all gluten free and they will prepare on Wed. 2/13 at 1:30.
- Patty talked with Emmett Schmarsow regarding the possibility of training to be held here. He will be formulating his 2019 schedule and will get back to her.
- Patty could not use the van grant money to purchase a GPS as it could not be permanently attached to the vehicle. She will ask the Friends to purchase one. Brooks suggested that she contact a dealer in Bellingham on RT 109 – he thinks that they can install one in the van and thereby letting us use the grant monies.
- Carol Greco, Chris, Brooks and Bert will be weeding out the old and badly used books to be donated to either the Library or to the Vets on Thursday 2/17 at 10AM.
- Chris has 6 bags of 1000 piece puzzles which Bert will take to the Veteran's hospital.
- Patty has arranged for some high school seniors to help in the reorganization of the furniture in the senior center. They will be available during February vacation. Patty will pole the different groups i.e. the Crafty Ladies to attend a pre-moving meeting on 2/5 at 10AM to discuss furniture placement as best for each group. Moving day will be decided after this meeting.

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Meeting adjourned at 10:20am

**Next COA Board Meeting: February 8, 2019
9:00 AM– VMB Room 19**