

**COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD**  
**REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Veteran's Memorial Building, Rm 19**  
**2900 Main Street, Millis, MA 02054**  
**MEETING NOTES FROM March 8, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER: Helen called meeting to order at 9:08

The following persons were present:, COA Director Patty Kayo, Secretary Helen Daly, Bill Brown, Brooks Corl, Lisette Walter

Secretary's Report

Motion to accept Secretary's Report with 2 minor corrections: correct spelling Gunbhushan and change dispatcher requested hours from 19 to 16.

Motion made by Bill second Liz

Treasurer's Report

- Formula Grant not yet received which reflects in some negative shown on this report.
- Respite Care has been cancelled – there is a balance if \$2107.99 left in this account, Patty will check with finance office to verify how this should be dealt with.

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- No Report

Outreach Report:

- Patty's report shows 93 duplicated counts of services to 44 individual seniors for the month of February.

Director's Report:

- Patty has asked center members to come to our monthly meeting to discuss any questions they may have, Expect that a group of the exercise class and Crafty Ladies will attend at 10am today to discuss exercise equipment

Chairman's Report: -

- No Report

Old Business

- Gazebo Committee reports that they met and that the matter is currently on hold
- Jean Thompson has not yet started training with the cable DEPT Patty will check with her
- Patty has not yet heard from Emmett regarding his new schedule – she will contact him again
- GPS for new van. Patty will request the Friends to purchase a new Garmin unit – sale price of \$219.00 and a mount for \$21.99 – she will bring up at the next Friend's meeting
- COA Future – report by Helen Daly

Report was presented to list some ways that the seniors need to be more visible. Suggested that we need to form a Committee of 7-10 people to formulate our plan for a way forward in providing our seniors with a new center. There are properties currently available in town – can they be used? A facilities report is currently being formulated – we need seniors to attend Selectmen's meetings and to help the Friends come up with ways to fund raise. Exposure is needed – articles in each month's Millis/Medway news, continue to follow through for shots on cable. Jim McKay, Mike Giampetro, Jim McCaffrey,, Wayne Klocko, Charlie Vecchi, Carol Mushnick are names that were suggested to be part of this committee. Helen will follow up with these persons and hopefully others will step forward when they hear of our agenda. Report of the growth in the senior population as opposed to school age children was also presented. Helen's

report is part of this month's minutes. Patty has already been in touch with John Catlin of Catlin & Petrovick Architects PC regarding a feasibility study.

New Business:

- Room 21 and the kitchen will have a new floor installed on 3/21. Patty will check with Chris to see when she would like a group to get together to move books for this installation.
- We now have 2 Super Bingo days each month held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Thursdays. Bill reports that we have seen a significant increase in attendance.
- 16 seniors attended at 10am – most from the exercise class to discuss the exercise equipment as well as any other subject that might arise. It was noted that the Town is responsible for providing new chairs – that is not the responsibility of the Friends. Mary suggested that we revisit new Bingo equipment – Patty will try using the one we have at the next Bingo game – if it does not work to everyone's satisfaction – we will look into purchasing another. Bryan Riley said that he had visited 3 centers, Medfield had no equipment, Franklin had 6 pieces. Helen reported that she visited Medway – they have 3 purchased units and 1 donated. They are also open Sat. & Sundays for people to use them. Question of liability was raised – Patty has copies of other town's permission slips which must be signed by both the user and their doctor. This should cover any liability question. We propose to purchase rubber mats to put under the equipment as used in other centers

Unanimous vote was made to go ahead with the purchase of exercise equipment to be put in RM 6.

All participants were excited to participate in bringing the question of the senior center forward.

–Move to adjourn made by Bill, second Lisette

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM

**Next COA Board Meeting: April 12, 2019  
9:00 AM– VMB Room 19**