

MEDWAY COUNCIL ON AGING

JANUARY 9, 2024

Marylou opened the meeting at 2:00 PM.

Those in attendance included: Marylou Staples, Chairperson, Vonnie Clark, Vice Chairperson, Courtney Riley, Director of the Center, John Clark, Ron Lane, Judy Lane, Bill Caton, Siri Krishna Khalsa (via audio call) and Charlene Tingley. Pam Balabanis had an excused absence.

The Secretary's Report

A motion to accept was made by Vonnie and seconded by Bill. That motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report

Courtney reported that the General Fund has a balance of **\$140,008.50**. The Elder Affairs Grant has a balance of **\$46,971.68**. The Donation Fund has a balance of **\$17,918.03** with **\$4,300** earmarked for landscaping.

A motion to accept was made by John and seconded by Judy, that motion passed.

The Director's Report

Courtney reported all is going well. She stated that Medway and Millis have had two meetings involving multiple town departments to discuss the possibility of joint services in the future. She reported that Millis has a \$50,000 grant which they will be using to research this matter. She stated that there will be a survey, conducted by the Collins Center and UMass Gerontology to gather further information. Courtney advised that this will all be done in stages and there is nothing specific in place for the near future.

Courtney also handed out a written Outreach Update to each board member and we discussed the many topics on that handout, such as SMOC Challenges, Family Assistance, Food Stamps, and Lock Boxes for Seniors. She advised that the Sand for Seniors is unable to take anymore names this winter due to lack of sand. Courtney advised that, on average, 200 – 250 people have visited the Senior Center on a daily basis over the past year.

Courtney advised us that the Police Union will be sponsoring at Valentine's Luncheon on Feb. 13th at the Center and there will also be a St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Sandwich Lunch sponsored by the "Breakfast Guys" in March. We were also informed that this is the first year that the Town has hit its maximum number of 80 residents applying for the Senior Tax Write-Off Program.

Courtney reported that they are looking at a possible date in May for the Hoag Dedication Event. She stated that Food Trucks are also being considered for this event. More information to follow.

A motion to accept was made by John and seconded by Judy and that motion was accepted.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ron and seconded by Siri Krishna. That motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:27PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlene Tingley, Secretary