

COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING DECEMBER 10,2019

Mary Lou opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. Those in attendance included: Mary Lou Staples, Chairperson, Vonnie Clark, Vice Chairperson, Judith Lane, Secretary, John Clark, Siri Krishna Khalsa, Ron Lane, Jan Mitchell, Grace Rossetti, and Charlene Tingley. Bill Caton and Paul DeSimone had excused absences. Courtney Riley and Kate Fennyery were the staff members present.

Siri Krishna made a motion to accept the Secretary's report; Grace seconded the motion. It passed.

Courtney read the Treasurer's report. We began the month with \$129,000+, the State grant has -\$10, 500+ and the Donation account contains \$8800+. Siri Krishna made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report which Ron seconded. The motion passed.

Courtney's Director's report included: The Center is closed when the schools are closed. The fourth annual Veterans' event was a huge success. Each of the student presenters and each of the veterans got copies of the program. There were more members of the community present than in the past. Members of two Girl Scout troops have contacted the Center toward helping to decorate for the season. They have done a great job! The annual Center holiday party will be held on December 17th. Tim Rice will be available to take pictures of our members with Santa. The heated sidewalks are doing well. The Breakfast program will be suspended for the Winter. It will restart in March. People are asking about the AARP program that helps Seniors file their taxes. More information should be available soon.. John made a motion to accept Courtney's report which Jan seconded. The motion passed.

Kate gave the Outreach Report. The past few months have been very busy and productive as the outreach workers continue to see clients at the Center and in their homes to help them apply for state and federally funded programs to assist them with their needs. They also work closely with local agencies to provide social work assistance. On October 25th, our Outreach workers hosted a meeting for Outreach workers from across the state learned about compassionate care hospice. Collaborating with Lenore Martin M.Ed, the Medway Outreach workers helped develop A program called "Finding the Joy in Retirement". They will reoffer the program in the Spring. In November, the Outreach workers co-hosted a panel discussion about homelessness with St. Vincent de Paul, hosted the fourth annual Veterans Day event and began training community volunteers to help the Salvation Army. In December the Outreach department hosted the Girl Scout troops who helped decorate the Center and entertain us with their caroling.

All is well at Mahan Circle.

Grace made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vonnie seconded it. Mary Lou adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted
Judith L. Lane, Secretary*