

MEDWAY COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 2020

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

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

Courtney read the Treasurer's report. We began the month with \$99,000+, the State Grant has -\$17,500+ and the Donation account contains \$8800+. Jan made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report; Ron seconded the motion. It passed.

Courtney's Director's report included: Last Wednesday the Facility Team was at the Senior Center from 9 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. Courtney's major concerns about the Center include "Space and Storage". The Team agreed that space and storage are problems at the Center. The Team will return tomorrow to discuss structural issues. Courtney does not believe we have any. The National 2020 Census will be out in April. It is imperative that we get an accurate count of the senior citizens (people sixty years old or older) in the town. Our funding is largely determined by this count. All is well at the Senior Center. Ron asked if we could build or put a storage facility in the undeveloped area between the parking lots. It is a water retention pond. Nothing can be put there. Ron made a motion to accept Courtney's report; Jan seconded the motion, which passed.

Marcia reported the Outreach Department has been very busy and productive over the past few months. There have been more applicants for heating assistance and SNAP than in the past. She and Kate work closely with all the other town departments to provide social work assistance. They and Jean Roy, the SHINE representative will be at Mahan Circle on February 24th to assist residents file SNAP applications and to answer health questions. COA staff members met with the organization "New Hope" to discuss domestic violence and how to deal with cases of domestic violence and/or sexual abuse. Ted Talks presented by Gary Harris, Professor Emeritus, Wellesley College will be held February 19th, March 18th, and April 22nd... They will deal with genes and gene modification. There will be programs about Finding the Joy in Retirement and Everything Social Security in April.

Ron made a motion to conclude the meeting at 2:35 P.M. which Judy seconded. Mary Lou adjourned the meeting at that time

Respectfully submitted,

*Judith L Lane, Secretary of  
Council on Aging*