

MEDWAY COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING OCTOBER 11, 2016

Mary Lou opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. Those in attendance included: Mary Lou Staples, Chairperson, Vonnie Clark, Vice Chairperson, Judy Lane, Secretary, Mary Anderson, Bill Caton, Paul DeSimone, Nanette Glenney, Siri Krishna Khalsa, Grace Rossetti, Charlene Saunders and Frank Saunders. Staff members present were Courtney Riley, Director of the Senior Center and Kate Fennyery, Outreach Worker. Kathy Brown and Grace Rossetti were our Housing Representatives.

Kate Fennyery spoke first. She and Marcia are currently helping people reapply for SMOC. They will be attending the 2016/2017 informational training session for SMOC/ Heating Assistance soon.

The "Food for Thought" presentation by a dietician from Milford Hospital on September 28th was very successful and well received. The Friends of Elders provided light refreshments. The Veterans Project slated to occur on November 10th at Medway High School is underway. The intergenerational project between current students and American war veterans will include interviewing the veterans and taking an oral history of their military experience. The interviews will begin October 13th at the Senior Center. On November 10th the students will present the veterans' stories to the Community. Medway Cable Access will tape the event which members of the community will be invited to attend.

Marcia and Kate will be attending the MCOA Fall Conference on October 26th.

Kate gave members of the C.O.A. a brochure about the new BLACKSTONE VALLEY ELDER MENTAL HEALTH OUTREACH PROGRAM for AREA RESIDENTS STRUGGLING WITH EMOTIONAL DISTRESS, DEPRESSION OR ANXIETY. The regional program targets people sixty and older.

Mary Lou announced that next month's meeting will be held on the first Tuesday of the month due to Election Day which is the second Tuesday.

Vonnice made a motion to accept the Secretary's minutes for September; Mary seconded the motion which passed.

Courtney read the Treasurer's report. We began the month with \$133,000+, the State grant currently contains \$15,000+ and we have \$4900+ in the general donations account. Charlene made a motion to accept the report; Grace seconded the report. It passed.

Courtney's Director's report began with a wonderful review of the "Quilting Show" held at the Center the first weekend in October. The show brought many people from the region into the Center and many questions about interest in the Center.

The maintenance people will begin working on Courtney's new office next week.

Friday November 11th, the Center will host a Veterans' Breakfast. The police department will provide five chefs to help our chefs prepare the meal which will last from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. After the breakfast there will be a veterans' program at Memorial Square.

Kim Cookson is our new GATRA coordinator.

Last Friday a gas leak in our propane stove caused an evacuation of the Center. The fire chief shut off the gas. There will be no hot meals until the stove is cleaned and restarted. We will be looking to replace the stove. Grace requested a woman be involved in the purchase of the stove. Courtney will seek quotes for the new stove. Bill Caton questioned placing Courtney's office in the card room. We need a third office to accommodate the "outside" people who

provide services at the Center. Vonnie made a motion to accept the Director's report; Charlene seconded the motion which passed.

A nurse has been hired by the Center for four hours a week. Her name is Katherine Tonelli. She will begin working next week and will perform the same procedures as the last nurse.

Mary explained we need CPR training and should also receive training in using the defibrillator. Courtney is certified in both areas but will search for an instructor for those interested in the training. Kathy stated all is well at Kenney Drive. The gazebo has been enclosed in plastic for the winter. Grace stated all is well at Mahan Circle.

Grace made a motion to allow well behaved dogs on leashes at the Center for short visits. Mary seconded the motion. It passed.

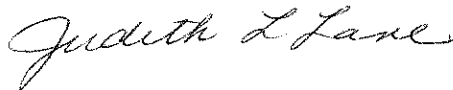
Paul announced that both Fred and Grace Rossetti have been nominated to have their names placed on the plaque at the Memorial Elementary School. The plaque honors people who have helped the young people of Medway.

Nanette would like the rules of the Senior Center to be more prominently displayed.

Vonnie made a motion to close the meeting; Charlene seconded the motion.

Mary Lou adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith L. Lane".

Judith L. Lane, Secretary