

MEDWAY COUNCIL ON AGING MARCH 12, 2019

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, Bill Caton, John Clark, Paul Desimone, Siri Krishna Khalsa, Ron Lane, Grace Rossetti, and Charlene Tingley. Mary Anderson was not present. Staff person present was Courtney Riley, Director of the Center.

Vonnie made a motion to accept the minutes of the February meeting. Ron seconded the motion which passed.

Courtney read the Treasurer's report. We began the month with \$59,500+, the State Grant contained -\$12,000 and the donation account contained \$9800+. John made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Grace seconded the motion. It passed.

Courtney's Director's report included: the cleaning of the chairs and carpets has been scheduled for Saturday April 6, 2019. The "Elvis " singer will return to the Center as himself. GATRA has increased the fare for the ride from \$1.00 to \$1.75 from March until June 30th. The fixed route to the Norfolk Train Station will remain \$1.50. Courtney will include this information in the April Bulletin and has already put notices on the buses. She would like us to think about how we can best address this almost doubling of the cost of use of the bus. We will subsidize the local in town service \$.25 a ride until July 1st. And will revisit this issue in May when Courtney has received more information about the numbers involved. Lunches are doing well. Breakfast has been suspended for the month of March. A survey will be distributed to discover what people would like to do about the breakfast program. John made a motion to accept the Director's report; Judy seconded the motion. It passed.

The Outreach Workers have been very busy and productive since January. Not only do they work through the Center, they also assist residents with applications for food stamp and heating assistance, make referrals to local and federal agencies and provide assistance where needed. They assist in and coordinate programming at the Center and have been coordinating a series of informational interviews to help elders recognize and avoid scams. These interviews are seen on the local cable station. In March, they will be working with St. Joseph Parish's St. Vincent DePaul designed to bring together Medway agencies and organizations to respond to emergency aid requests from town residents. In April they are collaborating with Lenore Martin to offer a two part workshop on "The Joy of Retirement" In May there will be a Senior Health and Wellness Fair.

Vonnie made a motion to conclude the meeting at 2:50 p.m. John seconded the motion. It passed. Mary Lou adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judith L. Lane". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "L".

Judith L. Lane, Secretary of the Council on Aging