

## MEDWAY COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING JANUARY 8, 2019

Mary Lou started 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, John Clark, Siri Krishna Khalsa, Ron Lane, Grace Rossetti and Charlene Tingley. Paul DeSimone had an excused absence. Staff people present were Courtney Riley, Director of the Center, and Outreach Workers Kate Fenney, and Marcia Lomberto..

Grace made a motion to accept the minutes of the December meeting, Vonnie seconded the motion ; it passed.

Courtney read the Treasurer's report. We began the month with \$93,000+, the State grant contained -\$9,000, and the donations were \$9000+. Some of the money from the donations account will pay to have the carpets and chairs cleaned. Vonnie made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report which John seconded; it passed.

Courtney began the Director's report by stating the sidewalk heater is installed. It kicks on automatically and eliminates black ice on the walkways. Someone still has to shovel the snow. Town budget talks have begun. CITC will pay for the walking trail. Courtney requested a fancy Filtered water fountain. The filter lasts for six months or longer. The water is always cold and the device tells how many plastic bottles are saved by its use. We will be the last public building to receive this device which costs around \$5,000 . The Town Capital Improvement Committee wants us to continue thinking about capital improvement ideas. We will be getting new LED lights in the Center. A Smart T.V. has been ordered for the Center. It will be paid for from a State grant.. Siri Krishna made a motion to accept the Director's report, Vonnie seconded the motion, which passed.

Kate gave the Outreach report. She and Marcia continue to cover for the Medway Housing Authority Social Worker in addition to their Senior Center Outreach responsibilities including: promotion of SNAP, attending trainings, promoting reduction of service duplication, coordinating and implementing TED talks and intergenerational programs. During February and March they will have Professor Gary Harris present TED talks about "Is There a Ghost in Your Genes?" and "The Biology of Cancer." Marcia is currently developing a program about "Elder Scams" with representatives from the Norfolk Sheriff's Office and the Charles River Bank. Both Kate and Marcia are collaborating with Leonore Martin, M.Ed. about developing a lecture entitled "The Joy of Retirement" to be presented in the Spring.

All is well at Mahan Circle. Vonnie questioned whether AARP would be available to help people with tax questions. They will probably be available later in tax season. Charlene suggested getting Sandy Johnson, a social media maven to encourage people to sign up ahead of time for events at the Center. The newsletter is on the Town website. There was a question about a link between the COA facebook page and the town pages. Mary Anderson asked about the possibility of rides to the Center for the Friday movie program.

Vonnie made a motion to conclude the meeting at 2:35; John seconded the motion which 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 initial 'J' and a long, sweeping underline.

Judith L. Lane, Secretary of the Council on Aging