

MEDWAY COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING OCTOBER 8, 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, Bill Caton, John Clark, Paul DeSimone, Siri Krishna Khalsa, Ron Lane, Jan Mitchell, and Grace Rossetti. Charlene Tingley was absent. Staff present were Courtney Riley, Director of the Senior Center and Marcia Lombardo, Outreach social worker.

Vonnice made a motion to accept the Secretary's report which Grace seconded. The motion passed.

Courtney read the Treasurer's report. We started the month with \$161,500+; the State grant contains -\$6,400+ and the Donation account contains \$8800+. Paul motioned that we accept the report as read, Bill seconded the motion. It passed.

Courtney began her Director's report with the news that the Walking Trail has been completed. People from both the Medway and the Milford Senior Centers walked the trail. The trail is about a quarter of a mile long on flat land and is very visible should someone have a problem. It is actually on Park property as opposed to Senior Center property. The Senior Center's exterior has been power washed and the shutters have been painted. The parking lot lines were painted and in compliance with state rules, but they could have been better according to the state. The state wants the handicapped parking to be on flat land. We would need the back door to be opened and a camera out back. John mentioned that people without handicapped placards are parking in handicapped spaces. Parking is a MAJOR problem at the Center. We are still working to solve this problem. Upcoming events include: Trunk or Treat (which we will work on with the Recreation Department) on October 29, 2019 from noon to 2:00 p.m. Companies and individuals will be getting spaces near the playground. Vehicles must be decorated and include snacks for the children. The Police and Fire Departments have been invited to participate. The kitchen is doing very well. The numbers of people enjoying the Wednesday breakfasts are increasing. (John suggested we put a sign out to let the public know everyone is welcome to participate at the breakfasts. Someone suggested we advertise the breakfast on the "Friends of Medway" site. Bill suggested that the puzzle be moved from the Craft room. Some people will not work on the puzzle when the crafters are present. The crafters are only present two days a week. They don't mind if puzzle makers are in the room. Someone suggested putting a t.v. in the exercise room. It was suggested that a t.v. in that room may be a distraction. A radio may be an alternative. Vonnie made a motion to accept the Director's report; Siri Krishna seconded the motion. It passed.

Marcia gave the Outreach report. She and Kate have been very busy and productive. They continue to see clients in their homes and at the Center and work closely with many Medway Departments to provide social work assistance. In August they hosted and participated in a SMOC heating training. They also have created flyers to inform the elderly of their rights in applying for food stamps and to let them know how to initiate the process. They are also

involved in a program that addresses the issues of homelessness and local agencies that provide assistance to people in need. This fall Kate and Marcia will be hosting a program about "Being Mortal" In November Marcia will host the Veterans' Day Project Event tentatively scheduled for November 21st from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.. In October the high school students began interviewing local military veterans. Town Meeting is November 18, 2019 at the Medway High School. Gail Bellotti notified the Center about the Equifax Breach that occurred in 2017. More than 3,000,000 people in Massachusetts had credit information stolen. You can get information about this hack from the Sheriff's Office, the FTC or from Courtney. If your information was stolen you have to file that information before January 2020. The Halloween Party will be held on Halloween. There will be a disc jockey.

Grace reports all is well at Mahan Circle. The new director is doing a great job.

Vonnie made a motion to adjourn which Siri Krishna seconded. The motion passed and Mary Lou closed the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Judith L. Lane, Secretary of the Council on Aging