

MEDWAY COUNCIL ON AGING

FEBRUARY 14, 2023

Marylou opened the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Those in attendance included: Marylou Staples, Chairperson, Vonnie Clark, Vice Chairperson, Courtney Riley, Director of the Center, John Clark, Pam Balabanis, Charlene Tingley, Judy Lane, Ron Lane and Bill Caton.

Also in attendance were Karen Henneberry and Anne Bradford from the Friends of the Elders.

Marylou advised the Council of an emergency decision made regarding the new Senior Bus. She stated that Town money had been put aside awaiting the new bus. Courtney was advised that an additional \$30,000 was needed to add to the allotted money. Marylou approved \$15,000 be given for the new bus. An additional \$15,000 was being given by the Friends of the Elders. Courtney explained the reason that this was deemed an emergency was due to a price increase following the amount approved last year. This bus is also brand new and will be arriving soon.

The Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Bill and seconded by John to accept the January 10, 2023 Secretary's Report.

The motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report

Courtney read the Treasurer's Report. The General Fund **\$87,821.23**. The Elder Grant has **\$38,187.73** and the COA Donation Fund has **\$64,571.88**. Courtney explained that there is also a new Outdoor Exercise Account with an original budget of \$58,500.00. This was created so that this money could be spent without approval.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Vonnie and seconded by Judy. This motion passed.

The Director's Report

Courtney reports that all is going well at the Center. She advised that the work for the outdoor exercise location was approved. A guardrail will be necessary for safety purposes. Courtney said that, due to the size of the exercise area, a smaller pad will be needed. She advised that the DPW is working on concrete quotes to extend the walkway. All of the exercise area will be ADA accessible and will be on camera. Courtney stated that she is also still receiving quotes on various other things needed for this project.

Courtney provided the council with a handout containing information on the various landscaping contractors she has been in contact with.

Courtney also advised us that day trips will be starting back up soon. She told us that the Outreach Department has been extremely busy, working very hard with some difficult cases.

A motion was made by John to accept the Director's Report. The motion was seconded by Vonnie. The motion passed.

Other Business

Karen Henneberry spoke regarding Jack and Ella Ryan. Jack Ryan was the founder of the Senior Center and his wife, Ella, has also been a long time member of the Friends of the Elders. Ella recently resigned from FOE. Karen advised us that the Friends will be holding a dedication of a plaque to honor Ella. This dedication will be held on March 8th and all members of the COA will be invited. The plaque will be placed at the base of the magnolia tree outside the center. This tree was originally planted in honor of Jack Ryan.

A motion to adjourn was made by Vonnie and seconded by John. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charlene Tingley, Secretary