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MILLBURY COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: February 19, 7:30 AM

Present: Kaye Peltier, Steve Walinsky, Stuart Mulhane, Lee Ayotte, Edna LaPan, Kevin Higginbottom, Sarahbeth Persiani, Joyce Sampson, Christine Bott and COA Executive Director Judith O'Connor

Absent: Richard Townsend and Marie Kosiba

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 AM by the Chairman.

VOUCHERS:

Vouchers were signed at this meeting.

MINUTES:

A motion to accept the January minutes with corrections was made by Joyce Sampson. Seconded by Steve Walinsky. Vote: unanimous.

The Chairman introduced and welcomed new Board Member Christine Bott.

CORRESPONDENCE:

We received a Save the Date for the Aging with Dignity conference on June 10 at Holy Cross college.

We received a letter from Catholic Charities explaining that they are reducing the hours for the senior aide program from 20 hours a week to 15 hours per week.

We received an e-mail from Susanna Meyer PhD, from Worcester State Univ. offering to do a Living Well and Hearing Loss presentation.

We received an e-mail from a student, Julianna Rogers, from Millbury High School looking to do a community service project. She and a few other students will be doing a program for our March Memory Café.

We received an e-mail from a NHS student from Millbury High School, Perry Drugan, requested to do a community service project. She would like to do a Senior/Senior Prom in April.

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We received notice that we received the Grant for the "Master Balance Program" the training will take place in June in Marlboro

We received a letter from the Mass Bar Assoc. offering a speaker during Elder Law month. I have scheduled a date in May and the topic is "Taking control of your future: A Legal Checkup".

We received a letter from Gary Rosen, from the public service and transportation committee asking us to attend a meeting on Feb. 24th at Worcester City Hall. This is to see if there should be a proposed Zero-Fare pilot Project for the City of Worcester a surrounding town's.

STANDING REPORTS:

- A. Budget and Finance – Ms. O'Connor reported that she will be meeting with the Finance Committee on March 7th.
- B. Personnel – Ms. O'Connor stated that she is still waiting to hear from HR regarding the status of our new position. She has changed the job description and has asked for it to be reposted and advertised.
- C. Nominating – No report
- D. Legislative – Waiting for the new Budget from the Governor
- E. Senior Center Usage – No requests at this time.
- F. Building Maintenance/Equipment – Ms. O'Connor reported that we had the carpet cleaned and the 2 custodians washed, stripped and waxed the floor in the main room. It looks wonderful. The Capital plan is to replace this floor in 2 years and there is a new product that would be better and easier to clean.

Director's Report – Ms. O'Connor reported that she met with the Census representative to discuss how important it is to have all the elderly counted. This will effect grant monies we receive in the future. The Lion's Club dinner, for the elderly, was well attended and was great fun. A letter of support was sent on behalf of the CMRPC for a Housing Rehabilitation Grant to be used for Millbury residents in need of

home repairs. Summer concerts have been set-up with a Cultural Council grant and a donation from Mike and Lucille Maguire. A report was given regarding the Community Food Pantry. The Millbury Federated Church is not interested in a partnership, but possibly the St. Vincent DePaul Society will get involved. She will be meeting with the committee next month.

Chairman's Report – Ms. Peltier gave all the Board members the forms for the Conflict of Interest Law that needed to be signed and returned to the Town Clerk.

OLD BUSINESS:

Elder Services of Worcester/Nutrition Program – Ms. O'Connor, Ms. Persiani and Ms. Peltier all attended the meeting. It was reported that Elder Services is providing Ethnic meals at the Worcester senior center (Arabic, Chinese, Latino & Vietnamese) one day a week during the month and they are very well attended. QCC is providing these diverse meals. They also continue the Vegan meals at the Loving Hut. They also gave an up-date on the nursing department which is now fully staffed.

Intergenerational Programs/Friendly Visitor - Ms. O'Connor reported that we are planning the Senior/Senior dance in April and utilizing more teens for some special programs before the end of the school year. We are also utilizing more volunteers with our transportation escort program.

Elder Service Work-off Program – Ms. O'Connor reported that she has added two more individual and will be advertising to encourage more participation with this program. Right now the town department using this program the most is the Selectmen/Town Manager's office. There is a senior worker in that office every day for a few hours.

NEW BUSINESS;

The Mason's will not have a Blood Drive this year. The American Red Cross are not doing drives in the area town's only in Worcester. They are going to do a children finger printing program in March.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Persiani announced that she will be calling a meeting of the Dementia Friendly community action committee in the next couple of weeks.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:45 AM


Next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2019 at 7:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. O'Connor

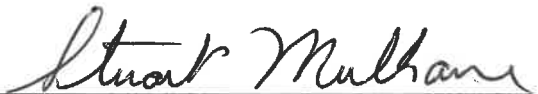

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