

MEDWAY COUNCIL ON AGING DECEMBER 13, 2016

MaryLou opened 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, Paul DeSimone, Nanette Glenny, Grace Rossetti, Charlene Saunders, and Frank Saunders. Siri Krishna Khalsa had an excused absence. Courtney Riley, Director of the Senior Center, Marcia Lombardo and Kathryn Bullock represented the staff. Glenn Trindade, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and liaison to the C.O.A. visited us today.

Courtney introduced Katherine Tonelli, the new nurse to the Council members.

Vonnie made a motion to accept the Secretary's report, which Nanette seconded. It passed.

Courtney read the Treasurer's report. We began the month with \$102,000+, the State Grant contains-\$12,000+ and we have \$4,900+ in General Donations. Vonnie made a motion to accept the report. Frank seconded the report which passed.

Courtney began her Director's report with the fate of the greenhouse. It will be disassembled, stored for the winter at Kenney Drive and reassembled at Mahan Circle in the Spring. Her office is still a "work in progress". She had requested that someone from the State come to our center to explain what the Charlie Card is and how to use it. The T no longer sends people out to do these explanations. If you don't have a Charlie Card, you must get one at the T office at Downtown Crossing in Boston. If you do have the Card, you can renew it by calling 617-222-3200. Future programming at the Center includes: the Penguin Lady who is coming February 12, 2017, Jack Craig, February 16, 2017 and a St. Patrick's Day event on March 15, 2017. A request in the Suggestion Box to have a Spirit Medium present a program led to a lively discussion. Courtney will find out how much real interest there is in having a Medium perform, what would be the actual cost, would she pay us a fee to use the Center, would she need a minimum or maximum number of participants. The program should it occur would be open to the whole town. The question of the stove replacement led to Glenn Trindade's suggestion that perhaps Sheldon the owner of the Muffin House might be able to help us assess what we actually need in a stove. He might also help us decide what is needed for refrigeration. Grace voiced her concern that we are storing too much food at the Center. Charlene made a motion that we accept Mr. Trindade's suggestion. Grace seconded the motion. It passed.

Kathy Bullock reported that the craft group is working on the annual hand-stitched tote bag. The bag is beautiful, but taking longer than they thought it would. The ladies continue to make favors for the Meals on Wheels program. The Fall trips involved a wide variety: September saw a special performance by the "Northshore Acapella" at the Norwood Theatre, a guided tour of the "Old House at Peacefield", a trip to Wollaston Beach for lunch at "The Clam Box" and a return to the National Park's Visitors' Center to see a film about the Adams' family; October saw a scenic cruise on Lake Winnepesaukee and a foliage trip to Central Massachusetts and in November we were treated to a private showing of "The Enchanted Village at Jordan's Furniture.

Marcia Lombardo presented the Outreach report. Marcia and Kate continue to help people with the application process for SMOC Monday through Friday. They hosted a very successful and well received Veterans Project Event on November 10th. The event was taped by Medway Cable Access. They are hoping to have a CD of the event for each of the veterans

and kids very soon. They are currently working on a presentation for sports' enthusiasts: "Sports Talk with Joe Fitzgerald" will be held on January 9th at 10:30 a.m. at the Center. They are hoping to kick off a men's group. They will create a survey for people attending the lecture to ask about making this an ongoing group. They will also seek a group leader. They are working on another intergenerational project with the Girl Scouts. On February 12, 2017, they will be hosting the Medway Girl Scouts and each girl's special senior to a tea and lecture by The Penguin Lady, the best selling author of "The Great Penguin Rescue".

Glenn Trindade spoke to us about the upcoming chaos on Route 109 for the next few years and some of the planned improvements: more sidewalks, park improvements, walking trails, a bridge over Chicken Brook that will eventually help create trails that will connect with the Holliston Trail, road improvements and Camp Sunshine. There is a need for a covered area and bathrooms for the Camp. The town selectmen can buy kits to build pavillions and bathrooms. Maybe volunteer groups can assemble them. He also suggested the Senior Center develop a long term plan for its physical needs and repairs. By the next census approximately twenty percent of the town's population will be senior citizens.

Vonnie made a motion to close the meeting at 3:40 p.m. Charlene seconded the motion which passed. Mary Lou closed the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith L. Lane". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Judith L. Lane, Secretary