

MEDWAY COUNCIL ON AGING OCTOBER 10, 2017

Mary Lou opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. Those in attendance included: Mary Lou Staples, Chairperson, Vonnie Clark, Vice Chairperson, Judy Lane, Secretary, Siri Krishna Khalsa, Grace Rossetti, Charlene Tingley, Mary Anderson, Paul DeSimone, Bill Caton, and Ron Lane. Nanette Glenny had an excused absence. Staff people present were Courtney, Director of the Center and Kathy Bullock, Craft & Day Trips' Director.

Vonnie made a motion to accept the Secretary's report which Siri seconded. The motion passed.

Courtney gave the Treasurer's report. We started the month with \$139,000+ in the general fund; -\$4,400+ in the elder affairs grant (the State is still trying to figure out the exact amount, but we can draw on that amount) and \$64,000+ in our donations' account.. Mary made a motion to accept the report, Paul seconded. The motion passed.

Courtney began the Director's report by stating the "Senior Center is booming this month!" The super flu shot will be given October 13th from 10:00-11:30 a.m. On October 19th we'll be celebrating October Fest. The Red Cross will be sponsoring a blood drive after the festivities. Later this month, we'll be having a Halloween Party. Participants are encouraged to come in costume. The new kitchen is a major project we hope to begin soon. We have been working on the cost with Eastern Bakery. Because we hope to get some help from the town, we need three bids. At this time the estimated cost is between \$40,000 and \$50,000. The D.P.W.. is helping us check for the lowest and best price. We hope the town will contribute \$6,000. The C.O.A. and the Friends of Elders will pay the rest. Grace questioned the placement of the coffee pots away from the plumbing. Courtney would like to see a sink built near the drink center. The work on the kitchen will not begin until after Veterans' Day. Colonel Matondi would like to have the luncheon at the Senior Center following the

ceremony at the Veterans' Park in the center of town. People on fuel assistance are entitled to a free furnace cleaning. Vonnie made a motion to accept Courtney's report; Grace seconded the motion. It passed.

Kathy Bullock reported about and showed examples of the craft projects completed over the summer. The ladies made floral felt table mats, patriotic wooden fire crackers, micro wave dish potholders, and favors for Meals on Wheels. The seven summer trips were to the JFK Library, the Tall Ships, the annual Paw Sox game, Hyannis, MA, a cruise on Lake Webster, the annual Lobster bake trip to Gloucester and Rockport, and a trip to Norwood to hear a Scottish folk group.

The public participation included questions about: having automatic doors installed into the bathrooms (automatic doors are heavier than those we currently have) ; having a hairdresser make visits to the Center (we are not equipped to handle this at this time); having a curb cut in the parking lot near the handicapped parking area (in the works); questions about Thanksgiving festivities (kitchen will be undergoing renovations at that time, hopefully); change in the breakfast hours--make them longer (on hold); publicity for the Center--a video about what actually occurs at the Center, to be played on the town website, more use of the website and possibly the Friends of Medway (to be explored). Our two new members came up with ways to make us more visible.

Vonnie motioned that we conclude the meeting; Bill seconded the motion. It passed, Mary Lou closed the meeting at 2:55 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