

MEDWAY COUNCIL IN AGING MEETING JANUARY 16 2018

Mary Lou opened the meeting at 2:00 PM. Those in attendance include Mary Lou Staples, Chairperson, Vonnie Clark, Vice Chair Person, Bill Caton, Paul DeSimone, Grace Rossetti, Charlene Tingley and Siri Krishna Khalsa. Judy Lane, Secretary, Ron Lane and Nanette Glennly were on an excused absence. Mary Anderson absence. Staff include Courtney Riley, Director, Kate Fennyery Outreach and Marcia Lombardo Outreach. Guest Karen Henneberry.

Mary Lou Opened Meeting with explaining and asking the board to sign contract for Summary of Conflict of Interest Law. Those in attendee signed and handed agreement to Courtney who brought them to town hall.

Motion was made to accept Secretary's report (Vonnice) and was seconded (Grace). Approved.

Courtney read the Treasurer's report. We began the year with \$180,000+, have spent \$87,000.00 and have \$85,000 available. The State grant is at -\$8,400.00. Donation account is at \$ \$18,700.00. Vonnice made a motion to accept the report, Grace Seconded it, and it passed.

Directors Report: Courtney started report by asking if the board would vote to have piano in dining room removed and given to someone who wants it. Board voted unanimously to move piano. Courtney then discussed how the Board of Selectman will be coming monthly to the Center for coffee and conversation. The first one to attend was Dennis Crowley and John Foresto will be at the Center February 13th. Courtney than gave update on kitchen and hopes all appliances will be in by February.

Outreach report: November and December have been very busy and productive months with the Outreach Department. In November Marcia did an amazing job of coordinating our second annual Veterans Day Project. This year we had 4 inspiring Veterans and 13 High School Students, lead by Medway High School's Teacher/Department Chair Mrs. Aubrie Rojee. The project was a huge success and each Veteran will not only be given a CD copy of the ceremony, but thanks to the Medway Foundation for Education each of the Veteran's stories were sent to the library of congress.

Also in November, the Outreach Department hosted the quarterly Outreach Meeting, with outreach workers from all across the state. Given the increase in cases we are handling where domestic violence has been an issue, we thought it appropriate to invite the domestic violence experts from "New Hope" to educate us more about warning signs, the cycle of violence and reporting.

Also in November, the Outreach Department conducted an informal survey, asking seniors about what lectures/programs they would like to see happen at the senior center....which we hope will inform our spring programming.

We have also been very busy in November and December in assisting people with home visits, applications for heating assistance, mass health, food stamps and referrals to such agencies as Tri-Valley, WIC, SMOC and the Medway Housing Authority. We have also worked with the Medway Board of Health and Medway Police Department to assist with cases of homelessness and/or cases of concern.

In December, with the advent of the extremely cold weather, Marcia and I have been assisting with an increased number of "no heat" calls and emergency shelter requests. We are working to establish a resource guide to assist us with future emergency calls.

Upcoming: Intergenerational Programming: Marcia and I are hoping to attend a well-established Intergenerational Program in Framingham. We are also planning to invite Milford Hospital Nutritionist Julie Ferrer back again, with a request that she speak about “ Healthy Eating/Cooking for One” as many of our seniors live alone.

Housing: Grace reported all is going well there, nothing large to report

Motion was made and seconded to close the meeting. Mary Lou closed the meeting at 2:33 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Courtney Riley