

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Veteran's Memorial Building, Rm 19
2900 Main Street, Millis, MA 02054
MEETING NOTES FROM March 13, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Bert called meeting to order at 9:00

The following persons were present:, COA Director Patty Kayo, Secretary Helen Daly, Bill Brown, Lisette Walter, Bert Lannon, Becky Poynot, Elizabeth Derwin, Brooks Corl

Secretary's Report

Motion to accept - made by Liz second Bill

Treasurer's Report

- In process – Patty will forward to members when completed

HESSCO Report

- Point of information Becky – the 5K walk that she and her family were to participate in has been cancelled

Outreach Report:

- Donation of Trader Joe's flowers on Wednesdays is a big success and will be continued indefinitely, Lis will take over the pick ups at Trader Joe's.
- Becky and Emily (nurse at the Senior Housing) have decided to postpone the 4/8 meeting at the Senior Housing facility
- Cat toys workshop – toys were delivered to the PurFect Pet Cat Shelter and were thankfully received
- The next service project will be for Ronald McDonald – date TBD
- Becky has had 2 new fuel assistance apps
- Peace Corp talk was held with 6 people attending

Director's Report:

- Patty announced that Needham, Medfield and Westwood Senior Centers have closed – Westwood will be doing meals only (Westwood has one reported case of the virus)
- HESSCO will begin delivering Pre-Packaged meals and will also supply "Shelf Stable" and frozen meals – our volunteers will continue to deliver.
- Patty will be meeting with Emergency Planning Committee at 11am today to discuss path forward.
- She has posted signs on both entry doors advising everyone who is feeling ill not to enter
- Brooks asks what role the Millis Health Dept is playing? Patty stated that they are very involved
- Discussion of continuing drives – was decided that rides to shopping (Walmart, CVS, etc) will be stopped with only doctor visits to be considered on a case by case basis. Drivers will be outfitted with gloves and anti-bacterial wipes. They have begun wiping down the vehicles during and after each trip.
- Becky is concerned about our serving donuts and any unwrapped items – Patty will check with the Board of Health
- St Patrick's Day luncheon and entertainment has been cancelled. Patty has advise Ruth Harcovitz. Brooks suggested that the money that has been pre-paid for this event may be counted toward each person's next year dues or used as a donation to the Senior Center – they will then be tax deductible.
- Easter celebration has been cancelled.
- The Sr. Prom - decision has been made to scrap at this time – Patty will advise Chris
- Bill noted that not many people are attending Bingo
- Brooks noted that there is no local news coming forth – Patty states that there will be a detailed notification to residents after this afternoons LEPC meeting.

- Patty will request that a deep cleaning be done to our vans and to our space in the Town Hall
- Elizabeth announced that a note has been put on the door of the Food Pantry that if anyone is feeling ill they can call her cell phone # and their food will be delivered to their car – this will apply to this Saturday only at this time
- The Church of Christ Congregational has announced that it will closed for the next 2 weeks
- The Fitness room will remain open until further notice and will be reviewed on a day-to-day basis

Chairman's Report

- Buy RECYCLABLE!!!

Old Business

- Monthly meeting with Town officials, Police and Fire Depts will be discussed at next meeting
- Cabinet space has not yet been addressed – Liz will ask Nancy to assist with cleaning our old puzzles that are not used – Elizabeth volunteered to help if needed. This will give some needed space to Bingo equipment

New Business

- ABACUS – gave Patty a short informational note that will be posted to the final page of the newsletter – looks like a late Spring informational open meeting will be planned.
- Brooks asks if the monthly Friends meeting is still planned for next week? Patty will advise after her meeting this AM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM
Next COA Board Meeting: April, 10 2020
9:00 AM– VMB Room 19