

Millbury COA
Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2024
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Members In Attendance: Steve Walinsky, Ronald Marlborough, Nancy Pratt, Laurie Corkery, Kevin Higginbottom, Ginny Picking Laurie Keefe, Director Joshua Ryan Program Administrator. Absent Stuart Mulhane and Kevin Higginbottom.

MINUTES: Motion to accept minutes for December 13, 2023 by Ronald Malborough seconded by Steve Walinsky.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None

CORRESPONDENCE: none

Friend of the Millbury Seniors: This section of the agenda was passed over. A representative of the friends was unable to attend.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Ms. Keefe advised the board that the Senior Center received a grant for hybrid programming. She advised that Josh and Julie have been working to get the new programming for the hybrid grant up and running. We are offering 3 different classes through the Wise program at Assumption University. The classes will be held on Zoom. Participants can come to the Senior Center and attend or do it from their home. This grant has allowed for 3 hours a week to be added to the outreach schedule. Julie completed her civil rights training. Hometown Bank fuel assistance has started, and Julie has been busy doing applications with folks. This program runs through much or until all funds have been expended. They were able to reserve \$25k for Millbury.

Josh and Julie attended the kickoff meeting with the EOEA on Thursday January 18th.

We had our yearly site visit with Worcester County Food Bank. We have doubled the number of pick-ups from last year.

December was a busy month. We had our Holiday luncheon. The January New Years party was canceled. Ms. Keefe advised the board that she got some pushback for canceling but let everyone know that the health and safety of our participants comes first. She also advised that there may be times when things will be cancelled with short notice due to weather or illness. The Budget meeting for the Senior Center is scheduled for January 29th at 6PM. Laurie told the board that she was asked to prepare a PowerPoint presentation for Fin Com. She is currently making her final touches to her presentation.

STANDING REPORTS

- A. Budget and Finance – Ms. Keefe has told the board that she has a Budget meeting on January 29th.
- B. PERSONNEL: All personnel remain the same.
- C. Board Membership- There are no open seats currently.
- D. Legislation affecting Seniors: None currently.
- E. Senior Center Usage- The Lions Club will be using the Senior Center on the first Monday of every month to hold their monthly meetings. The planning board will be holding another meeting at the Senior Center on Wednesday January 31st.
- F. Monthly report of program participation- Programs are continuing to grow. Statistics have been provided to the board with the number of participants from now and this time last year.
- G. Building Maintenance/ Equipment- The fire alarms were tested and passed with no problems. We Still need to get one more quote for the heating system. Everything else has been inspected and maintained for the time being.
- H. Friends of the Millbury Seniors Report: attached.
- I. Elder Services of Worcester Area/ Nutrition Program: as of January 1st, lunch went from \$2.50 to \$3.00.
- J. Intergenerational Programs: None currently.
- K. Elder Community Service Program: We are continuing to have people come in and get applications for the tax work off program. We have about 12 people in the program.
- L. Memory Café: Julie continues to do Memory Café monthly.
- M. Annual Obligations: None

OLD BUSINESS:

This part of the agenda was skipped over due to time.

NEW BUSINESS:

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Motion to adjourn made by Steve seconded by Ginny.

Next meeting is February 21st.

Steve Walinsky



Stuart Mulhane

Kevin Higginbottom _____

Laurie Corkery _____

Ronald Marlborough _____

Ginny Picking _____

Nancy Pratt _____

Respectfully submitted:

Joshua Ryan, Program Administrator