

ECOA Board Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2024
8:30 am

Present: Rosemary Cunningham (RC), Marvene O'Rourke (MO), Sue Carroll (SC), Nancy Ignacio (NI), John Dropick (JD), Janice Belisle (JB), Lisa Sherman (LS)
Administrator Lyndsay Famariss (LF)

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Rosemary Cunningham at 8:32 am.

Approval of the minutes:

The minutes were unanimously approved.

Budget:

LF will be presenting the budget to FinCom next week. She will be requesting additional funds to extend Chris McMahon's hours. The overall increase to the budget will be approximately \$25,776. LF will still need temporary funding for Chris' hours to cover him until the new budget, if approved, takes place July 1. MO asked if the additional funding could come from the Special Account. LF replied that the Special Account is funded by the Friends for the meals program, funds from outside grants, and any additional donations that are written to the ECOA (not the Friends of the ECOA). If the Friends or another funding source agrees to fund extra hours for the cook position, the money would be put into this account.

LF added that the Anchors will be asking for an increase in the following line items: mileage, postage, office supplies and membership dues. The costs of these have increased and the COA has not asked for an increase in these items for a long time.

Administrators Report:

LF asked the Board to approve the deposit of a check from David & Barbara Moore in the amount of \$500.00 to the Special Account. JD moved this action and MO seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the deposit of this check.

Building update: The roofing contractors are finished and LF is satisfied with their work. The contractor spoke to LF about the condition of the building which he said is in very poor condition, and that he believes that the siding may be failing. SC asked if Juliet Mulinare knew about the building's siding and JD suggested that perhaps the roofers could make a note of it, as it gives further momentum to our need to move to a new location.

LF noted that in the case of inclement weather, the Anchors will follow the school's cancellation policy. She is attempting to get into the information loop of the Town's severe weather response.

Five-Year Committee Report:

MO reported that the committee met on Wednesday and Andrew Kelly joined the meeting. He is a Parks and Recreation commissioner as well as Deputy Chief of the Edgartown Fire Department. He gave an informative update about the Town's and the Boys & Girls Club's plans for the former Norton property. The Town has the right of first refusal to purchase current B & G Club property. The committee deemed it appropriate and necessary to send a letter to the Select Board and Town Administrator that the COA is very interested in this property and would like the Town to consider this site for the new COA building. MO requested the Board's approval of this letter and received unanimous support. MO added the committee talked about another visit to a new senior center in the next month.

The Senior Services Report and the Outreach Report were submitted to the Board with the budget and minutes of the last meeting.

Friends of ECOA Report:

JB reported that the Friends have made some donations to help vulnerable Edgartown residents and that the Friends would like to meet with the Board again. There was no other news.

New Business: There was no new business.

RC adjourned the meeting at 9:24 am.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 16, 2024, at 8:30 am.