

EDGARTOWN COUNCIL ON AGING
BOARD MEETING
February 18, 2016
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by Paul. Also present were Board members Glenn Carpenter, Olga Church, and Chris White. Jay and Kevin had advised they would be unable to attend.

Minutes Copies of proposed minutes from the January 21, 2016, meeting were distributed and read. Upon motion by Glenn, seconded by Olga, the minutes as proposed were adopted unanimously.

Budget Paul distributed copies of the budget report with expenses as of February 17th, as they appear in the town bookkeeping system. Paul said spending is in keeping with where we are in the fiscal year with no extraordinary expenses. Postage is a little over because Paul bought more postage than we budgeted. Miscellaneous is also over because of kitchen supply expenses. Paul said we should incur more training expenses in the near future. Paul explained equipment maintenance includes contracts for the copier, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, and computer tech support. There was general discussion.

Administrator's Report Paul said he appeared at a meeting of the heads of the island town's health departments recently. They were interested in the island CORE program, mental health services for homebound seniors, for which the funding grant has expired. Paul explained they are exploring the possibility of funding the program through the island health department budgets. There was discussion. Paul reported our new outreach worker, Lyndsay Famariss, is working out very well. She has been busy helping with energy assistance and other senior services, and fits in very well with our staff. There was discussion about the MYSeniorCenter program and the way in which the system and Paul are tracking our services and numbers of seniors served. Paul said that, compared to this time last year, we appear to be providing more services to about the same number of Edgartown residents. This is an overall increase in outreach, events, and programming. Paul also reminded the Board of the free codfish lunch being served tomorrow. We do not do take outs.

Glenn brought up the minutes of the last Center 4 Living Board meeting Paul had emailed. Glenn questioned why issues of fitness, renovations, habitability had not been resolved long before the decision was made to buy the building. Paul said the minutes were misleading. He said the building had been inspected and thoroughly vetted in every respect a number of years ago. The state, bonding company and other players who are new to the table are now requiring further inspections and reports. There was discussion.

Chris White reported on the shelter program local churches, including St. Andrews, have coordinated for which she has been volunteering. She said it was well attended and no problems. The program ends March 31st. There was discussion.

Director of Senior Services Report Wendy then entered the meeting. A story was told about a large (dead) snake in Olga's basement. It had a happy ending

Wendy discussed some upcoming programs, including Friday's codfish lunch. Donald Benefit is cooking and donating the fish. Janice Belisle and some friends are making and serving desserts. The event is filled with a waiting list. Olga and Wendy have a trip planned to the Martha's Vineyard Museum on the 29th. Our walking group that uses the Boys and Girls Club Wednesday mornings usually has a good turnout. We will be coordinating other activities with the Club, including a communal garden and computer instruction with high school students tutoring. Wendy also reported on her recent bowling event at the new alley in Oak Bluffs which went very well; she plans to schedule bowling the first Monday of each month. Coffee with a Cop will happen next month; and also some computer/internet classes. There was discussion about these and more events and activities Wendy has planned. Coordinating events and trips with other COAs was also discussed. Wendy reported a \$2,100 balance in our special account.

Outreach Report Victoria entered the meeting with Lyndsay Famariss our new part-time outreach worker. Lyndsay talked about the state sponsored program to get eligible seniors free cell phones. The Vineyard legislative liaison helped with our efforts. There was discussion about the cell phone program.

Victoria reported on her Memory Support group, its progress, and the ways in which she has observed memory improvement in the group members. She said Featherstone is very supportive and wants to keep the group there indefinitely. The Memory Café meets Thursday mornings at the YMCA and is also doing well. There was general discussion, Victoria and Lyndsay then left the room.

Administrator's Evaluation Paul reminded the Board his fifth year anniversary is next month his evaluation is due. Board members agreed each would complete an evaluation form, and provide it to Kevin, who would meet with Paul and perform the evaluation.

Glenn inquired about terms for the Board members and officers. Board members' terms expire as follows:

Glenn-	2016
Chris-	2017
Jay-	2017
Kevin-	2018
Olga-	2018

A nominating committee will be appointed at the April meeting. New officers and members are appointed in May. There was discussion about town boards, members, and term limits.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am.