

EDGARTOWN COUNCIL ON AGING
BOARD MEETING
January 15, 2015
MINUTES

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

Minutes Copies of proposed minutes from the December 18, 2014, meeting were distributed and read. Upon motion by Chris, seconded by Kevin, the minutes as proposed were adopted unanimously.

Elder Services Report Jacque Cage, the Director of the island's Elder Services program attended the meeting and introduced herself to everyone. Jacque reported on services, recent developments and the status of her organization. She confirmed that her records show seniors are the quickest growing population on the island, and in the state and country. Unsurprisingly, demand for services is increasing proportionately. There was general discussion and Q and A about increased services, including congregate meals, meals on wheels, counseling, protective services, home care, and caregiver or respite support. Jacque answered questions about costs of services, free services, and others that are provided on a sliding scale depending on assets and income. The MVC4L Supportive Day program was also discussed. Jacque presented expenses and statistics for services the last calendar year. Medicaid does contribute to some of these expenses depending on need and financial eligibility. Jacque distributed program brochures and pamphlets for The Family Caregiver Support Program, Senior Service Corps, and Home Care Program. Most of the personnel delivering these services come from the Cape and will travel to the island as needed. Ways in which Jacque's programs could be advertised and marketed on the island were suggested and discussed. The Board thanked Jacque and she left the meeting.

Budget Paul distributed copies of the budget report with expenses as of January 15, 2015, and as reported by the town accountant in the town bookkeeping system, MUNIS. Paul said there were no extraordinary expenses. Paul pointed out we are little more than half way through our fiscal year and anticipate staying within our operating budget. Paul has purchased some wheelchairs for Anchors use and to loan. There was discussion.

Program and Volunteer Report Wendy presented Kevin with cards and letters that had come to the Anchors in memory of his mother. His mother's obituary had asked that donations in her memory be made to the Anchors, which have been deposited in our special account. The special

account supports our lunch program. Wendy said she, Diane, and Paul have been brainstorming over lunch and kitchen costs in an effort to keep the two dollar lunch at two dollars. There was discussion; Chris said she might be able to help with prices, especially shopping off island. The special account has a balance over \$2,400. Wendy discussed planned programming, including the Rick Bausman drum workshop with the Supportive Day Program, a Friday pizza and movie, a Chromebook computer instruction by Jay Sigler, an iPad instruction, and a trip to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. Wendy had Board members pose making hand heart signs of which she took pictures for February's Valentine's Day issue newsletter. Wendy then left the meeting.

Friends of ECOA Report There was no one from the Friends present. Paul mentioned the successful renovation of the dining room floor which had been completed over the December holidays and paid for by the Friends.

Administrative Report Paul mentioned the COA annual report he had submitted to the town and previously supplied to board members. Anchors attendance continues to increase in almost all areas; Paul said he and the staff continue efforts to get more and new people into Anchors programs. There was discussion. Paul and Glenn recently attended the town Finance Committee meeting to review our proposed 2016 budget. Fin Com appeared satisfied with our presentation; there were questions about the MySeniorCenter program we want to purchase. We recently had our plumbing and heating contractors do repairs to the basement pump and water heater.

Glenn asked about the congregate meals at the other COAs, the food for which come from Meals on Wheels. There was discussion.

Outreach Report Victoria is on vacation, there is no outreach report this week.

MV Center for Living No one from the C4L was present. Paul said the C4L is presenting articles to town finance committees for warrants at spring meetings in every town to fund the operation of the building as a leased property. Oak Bluffs remains undecided. The county continues to approach all the towns to finance the bond which will pay for the purchase of the building. There was discussion.

New Business Paul said his annual evaluation is due soon. He gave Glenn copies of the evaluation form and last year's completed evaluation. If it is completed for the next board meeting, it can be submitted before March and his anniversary date. Glenn will consult with the other board members, perform the evaluation, and then meet with Paul. The town evaluation process was briefly discussed.

Olga observed this year was her last of her three-year term. The possibility of her getting reappointed was discussed. Kevin said he was on the board for eleven years before leaving briefly and returning. Paul said he would check with the town about Olga getting reappointed. Olga said she would like to remain on the Board.

The next meeting will be February 19, 2015.

There being no further business, upon motion by Kevin, seconded by Olga, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:12 am.