

EDGARTOWN COUNCIL ON AGING
BOARD MEETING
February 19, 2015
MINUTES

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

Minutes Copies of proposed minutes from the January 15, 2015, meeting were distributed and read. Upon motion by Olga, seconded by Jay, the minutes as proposed were adopted unanimously.

Budget Paul distributed copies of the budget report with expenses as of February 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 about 60% through our fiscal year and about 60% of budget expended. We anticipate staying within our operating budget. There was discussion.

Program and Volunteer Report Wendy then came to the meeting. There was discussion about the Martha's Vineyard Times 55 Plus insert and publishing the names of businesses that give senior discounts, like Kevin's Thrift shop, Linda Jean's, Granite, and others. Wendy had been to a volunteer drivers program training; there was discussion about our volunteer driving program and how to expand the program with more volunteers. There was also discussion about other transportation programs for island elders. Wendy mentioned more programs, including Balance of Power and trips. Bus charter costs were discussed. Jay's Chromebook workshop was also discussed and is highly anticipated. Wendy talked about new volunteers including a set of middle school aged triplets who are volunteering for our lunches. Wendy said there was about \$2,800 in our special account. She then left the meeting.

Friends of ECOA Report There was no one from the Friends present. Apparently, they have not met this year and have not yet elected a new president.

Outreach Report Victoria entered the meeting. She talked about our storm call program and a list of the most frail outreach Edgartown clients she created; she has arranged for the town police to transport or provide special assistance to these seniors if needed during the snow storms.

There was discussion about storm assistance, calls, and shelters. Victoria talked about the fuel assistance program and new clients. There was discussion. Victoria said she has a caseload of sixty-three people, some of which need more attention than others. There was discussion about risky conditions, Lifeline, and emergency services. Olga asked if the four COA outreach workers meet. Victoria said they do not. Discussion followed about coordinating the COAs' services and programs. Victoria then left the meeting.

Administrative Report Paul said a photography group from the New York area would like to use the building for two days on a May weekend. With the Boards' consent, he'll advise the group that it may. There was discussion about the building use policy and \$25 fee. The Board completed Paul's annual performance evaluation prior to the meeting, approving his merit raise. Glenn then signed the personnel form approving his step increase pay raise. Paul will take the evaluation and form to Marilyn at the personnel office.

MV Center for Living No one from the C4L was present. There was discussion concerning the status of the county's efforts to purchase the VNA building to house the Center for Living.

New Business Glenn said he would not attend the next meeting on March 19th. Paul advised Olga that, since her three-year term expires this spring, she can ask to be re-appointed after the position is advertised again by the town.

The next meeting will be March 19, 2015.

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