



## EDGARTOWN COUNCIL ON AGING

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### BOARD MEETING

November 19, 2015

### MINUTES

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

**Minutes** Copies of proposed minutes from the October 29, 2015, meeting were distributed and read. Upon motion by Olga, seconded by Chris, the minutes as proposed were adopted unanimously.

**Budget** Paul distributed copies of the budget report with expenses as of November 15, as they appear in the town bookkeeping system. Paul said spending is in keeping with where we are in the fiscal year. There was general discussion. Chris moved to approve the budget and expenses, Olga seconded, and they were accepted unanimously.

**Administrator's Report** Paul advised articles for the April town meeting warrant are due tomorrow and that he had prepared one he will submit for about \$5,000 to fund the MVCS island CORE (Counseling Outreach and Referral for the Elderly) program which provides mental health services to homebound seniors. The hospital had funded the program for the last five years which expires in December. It was a one-time grant. All island COAs are seeking the funding from every town according to the approved 50/50 formula, or elders per town. Paul said the program has been valuable and a success. There was discussion. Paul said he continues to research the installation of a sound absorbing ceiling in our dining room, but he has not yet found material that is within our price range. There was discussion. Paul advised our annual state grant will be funding a part-time outreach worker next year from January through June. He or she will work 2 days a week, 4 hours a day, on those days we have lunch. He plans interviews in December, and hiring in time to start beginning of January. There was discussion about the position and how it will support Victoria's outreach.

**Director of Senior Services Report** Wendy then entered the meeting. She talked about our upcoming events, including another intergenerational gathering with the high school leadership class, a Poetry Reading by our Anchors Poetry Group, a Minnesingers Performance, an event at the Boys & Girls Club, our Holiday Open House, the Senior Fall Feast by the Edgartown Patrolmen's Association, and a holiday sing-a-long with Adele Dreyer. There was some discussion about past Anchors Open House events when the Friends sold handmade items at different stations throughout the building to make money for the Friends group. There was also some discussion about possible future trips, including a trip to local island restaurants for a "Restaurants Tasting Tour." There was discussion about this and other possible future events. Wendy then left the meeting.

**Outreach Report** Victoria entered the meeting. She advised that fuel assistance is still in great demand; and that she is assisting with about three applications a week, which command a large portion of her time and resources.

She said she is reaching out to everyone on her client list, about forty people, to determine who would like a Thanksgiving meal delivered, a surplus food delivery, or to be included in this year's raffle for turkeys being conducted by our police department.

The Memory Group is going well. We often see a large number of attendees who benefit from social interaction, music, art, refreshments and the educational handouts we provide weekly. There was discussion and Victoria left the meeting.

**Friends of ECOA Report** No one from our Friends was present. They do appear to remain financially sound and meeting quarterly, if not more often. There was some discussion.

**MV Center for Living** No one was present from the C4L.

**New Business** There being no new business, upon motion by Glenn, seconded by Chris, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45.