

EDGARTOWN COUNCIL ON AGING

BOARD MEETING

June 20, 2013

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 8:40am by Chairperson Chris White. Present were Board members Glenn Carpenter, Olga Church, Kevin Ryan, and Administrator Paul Mohair. Also present was Janice Donaroma from the Friends of ECOA.

Minutes Upon motion by Glenn, seconded by Olga, the minutes of the May 16, 2013, meeting were unanimously approved as proposed.

Budget Paul distributed copies of the year-to-date budget report. All expenses and balances appeared reasonable; Paul said there was about \$7,100 left to spend before the end of June, the end of this fiscal year. Paul itemized some expenses that would be incurred soon. He mentioned some Anchors improvement projects that will probably use most of this money, including carpeting and sound-proofing. There was brief discussion.

Friends of ECOA Report Janice Donaroma gave a brief report; she said at their last meeting they prepared the appeal letter for this year's fund raiser. The appeal was directed at people who have donated in the past. No big fund raiser is planned for the summer. She said the Friends plan to go forward with completing the painting of the ground floor rooms' walls. Paul said the picture hanging system the friends are buying will be installed soon. There was general discussion. Paul gave Janice a copy of the May meeting minutes. Janice then left the meeting.

Program & Volunteer Report Laurie then came to the meeting. She said all programs were successful and well attended. She mentioned some cooking classes, trips, the men's book club; next month we have a memoir writing workshop and a voice workshop. There will also be more trips and talks, and travel movies, including Part 2 of "Visions of Italy." Vineyard Sound will be performing; we may add more classes, including a language class and computers. She talked about her outreach. Laurie said we continue to keep a balance of about \$1,800 in our special account. Laurie then left the room.

Administrator's Report Paul said the COA is operating very well and that there have been a few improvements to the building including a sign in front of the parking lot entrance for the Council on Aging and an arrow directing people to the building. Paul is ordering new carpeting for the stairs and his office; the notice for bids to replace the handicap ramp has been published according to the State rules. As yet, there have been no responses. Paul hopes it will be built by October.

Paul said the staff is functioning very well, performance is excellent, and morale is good. Paul said Diane our cook may have to take a little time off to help her husband who is ill.

The money from the State formula grant paid for new tables and a phone system which will be arriving soon. Paul may use the money from next year's grant to get part-time help in the kitchen. There was discussion.

Chris asked if Paul knew what was happening with the sale of the Kelly House property. Paul said the new manager told him June 17th, was the date the sale was to take place. Chris said she heard some of the property will have to be torn down because of the substandard condition.

Outreach Report Victoria then came to the meeting. She reported that she recently attended "The Graying of the Vineyard" a symposium at the Hebrew Center which was a gathering of various island organization representatives with the goal of making the island an easier place for islanders and seniors to age comfortably. The Donors Collaborative sponsored the event as well as sponsoring the Rural Scholars Program this year that will gather data to project senior demographics and needs in the near future. Glenn asked about the quantity of senior housing on the island, how it compares to other Massachusetts areas with similar populations. Victoria said it is a problem everywhere and that the waiting list for seniors to get in Hillside Village is over seven years. Victoria said the number of the homeless on the island is estimated at about 200, but it could be higher. She said there are waiting lists of varying lengths for all subsidized housing on the island. There was discussion.

At Paul's request, Victoria gave an update on our meals prepared by local restaurants, delivered to seniors. So far, we have delivered about 7 meals, it has been very successful. Victoria said she has also been helping run a memory loss support group with the Island Counseling Center. She then left the meeting.

MVC4L There was no one present from the MVC4L, though there was discussion about the recent fund raiser at the Art Cliff Diner and its success. Paul said the plan to develop a facility for the C4L at the airport continues, Leslie is working on the design and building requirements.

Board Summer Meeting Schedule upon motion by Olga, seconded by Kevin, the board unanimously approved that there be no meeting in July and August and that the next meeting be held on September 19, 2013.

There being no more business, upon motion by Kevin, seconded by Olga, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:30am.