

Amesbury COA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2024

In Attendance: Arthur Levine - Chairperson, Maggie Miller - Vice-Chair, Sue Ballard – Secretary, Lawrence Leahy – Treasurer, Alison Rice, Kliggie Thomas, Nicholas Costello, Thomas Maclachlan and Doreen Arnfield – Director

Guest: Donna Collins, FCOA

The meeting was called to order at 3:00.

Secretary's Report – The minutes from the March 14, 2024 board meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Kliggie with a second by Maggie; unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report – Larry reported expenditures of \$120 from the Misc. Grants account for business cards with an ending balance of \$14,215.87. The Revolving account had a disbursement of \$220.69 for gas for the van, leaving a balance of \$19,972.82.

Statistics – The Statistics Report was reviewed. Maggie made recommendations for My Senior Center software to manage reports and utilize the program in a more productive way. She recommends listing what is currently being used and identify what we should be using, as well as what reports are available.

Director's Report – Presented by Doreen

- **COA Team updates**
 - Tim (Van driver/Steward) last day April 29th. New driver has not been found.
- **Budget** – City Counsel Presentation in May TBD
- **Age Friendly Task Force**
 - Walk Audits compiled by UML students. Final slides will be available soon.
 - May 8th Reception from 4 – 6 p.m. Mike F. from AARP will present certificate to the Mayor for being an Age Friendly Community.
- **Costello Center Updates**
 - Paint completed (by Mayor Gove) and new furniture in place. Tech and pictures need to be put back or put up. Carpet cleaning donated by vendor.
 - Cleaning out in upstairs rooms to accommodate renovations. Kitchen-deep cleaning and organizing
 - Game Room is now the Meeting Space – scheduling to be handled by the City.
 - Contractor has measured for railings in hallways - haven't heard back yet. Will get other estimates.
 - Nick suggested a piano or something to entertain if someone was interested. Doreen to keep in mind.
- **Grants**
 - EOEA EMHOT grant submitted. April 30th awardees will be notified.
 - NSRAW grant for Receptionist for existing job trainee. City Counsel to vote April 23rd.
 - CONEKT: Amesbury – delay in acquiring equipment. Have broadcasted 2 breakfasts; went well. Exercise classes next.

- **Spring/Summer Programing**
 - Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon – April 17th at St. Andre Bessett Hall. Comedic Magician, Chicken Picatta, games. Volunteers free, guests \$10. All are welcome.
 - Senior Cookout- June 27th at Cider Hill Farm
- **Transportation** – reviewed report. Now June for new van.
- **FCOA Updates** – Donna Collins
 - Live Well Amesbury & Health Fair is the main focus. Sept. 6th & 7th.
 - Anne Bryant resigned – down a member
 - Institution for Savings donated \$1500 to pet fund for Vet bills.

Next meeting will be May 9th at 3:00.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ballard, Secretary