

MILTON COUNCIL ON AGING
10 Walnut Street, Milton, MA
Monday, September 11, 2023
MEETING NOTES

In attendance: Board Chair Loraine Sumner, Director Christine Stanton, Caroline Kinsella, Roberta Leary, Jeanne Leslie, Marshall Levy, Marjorie Mahoney, Mary Anne Merrigan, Janet Mullen, Denise Rochlin, Maryellen Sullivan. Sara Truog and Marie Zinkus.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chair Loraine Sumner.

Public Comments: No Public Comments.

Secretary's Report: There were two corrections: change last name spelling from Zinkas to Zinkus and Troug to Truog. Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the June meeting with the corrections.

Treasurer's Report. Gift Account \$102,866.75. Van Account \$188,107.02
Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report.

Director's Report: Christine Stanton reported it was a slow summer but classes and events are back in full swing.

September 6: a Six-Session Series: Navigating The Digital Age.

October: A Boston Detective Tour of Boston Crime Scenes.

Scrabble will begin in October.

Cornhole will continue outside through the month of September. In October, the game will move indoors.

October: Alzheimer's Association: Know the 10 Warning Signs of Dementia.

Michael Goodwin: The Harmonies of Halloween with lunch.

G. A. DiGregorio: History behind our Favorite Tales of Horror

October 19: Riverside Theatre Presents Jukebox Cabaret

AARP representative will explain about how to become a Tax-Aide volunteer

October 16: Join Lt. Alba and Ofc. Patty Mandeville for Coffee with a Cop.

October 18: Cemetery walking tour; Stories Behind the Stones"

October: Christine and Katie will attend the Mass COA Conference in Danvers.

Upcoming trips: Hobo Railroad: Boston Holiday Pops. Both Sold Out

Friends Report: In Doreen's absence, Loraine reported the friends bookkeeper has worked out very well. Barbara Levy is doing an excellent job recruiting volunteers to help out at the COA and for the Fit for Life walk event.

SSES: Mary Anne Merrigan attended the SSES Board meeting that included updates and a review of the SSES personnel policies, Strategic plan, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion work. Also, there was an in depth review of Financials. There is a new Elder Justice Unit in the AG's Office and a Statewide hotline regarding senior scams. Their annual meeting will take place in October. Mary Lou Sudder is the keynote speaker. A report of the Milton COA activities was given.

Quality Report: A current report was passed out to Board members. 27 new members joined in July and 29 new members in August. The total COA membership is 2879.

Old Business: Dues vote was tabled. COA dues cannot be mandatory. Donations to the COA have to be through the Friends of the Milton COA. A motion was made and seconded that the COA cannot charge dues. Donations to the COA will be made to the Friends of the Milton COA. A fundraising appeal letter will be sent out in the Fall.

New Business: Office space is needed. New desks have been ordered for staff and Christine will make the necessary staff seating arrangements. The COA has been given a refurbished Police car. The electric vehicle was returned to Town Hall. Christine is looking to replace the 8 passenger bus. 275 members are in need of transportation. Ticketed events have been working out. . Christine presented a new Code of Ethics and Conduct, and a new Elected Officials and Political Candidates Policy for the Board to review. After much discussion and a few additions, Chrtistine will have the Town Counsel review both the policies before they are voted on and posted.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am

Respectfully submitted
Roberta Leary, Board Secretary