

Town of Millville Council on Aging

Minutes of Meeting May 18, 2023

Meeting was held at the Millville Senior Center

Members in Attendance: Diane Lamoureux, Chairperson
Larry Pearson, Vice Chair
Sue Robbins, Member (by phone @ 1:08 p.m.)
Pam Kobetitsch (by phone @ 1:10 p.m.)
Sandy Caswell
Richard Hurteau
Tina Cook, Director

Absent: Pat Finn, Secretary

Guests/Public: Judy Munroe, Ellen Bowen. Lori Remillard

Prior to calling the meeting to order, there was some discussion when Richard Hurteau wanted to record the meeting. He was told that since he was now a member of the COA, our meeting is already recorded for use by the Secretary in transcribing notes. When he insisted, he was told that someone else could record the meeting but not him. He was to be part of the COA meeting and not pay attention to a recording device.

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by Vice Chairperson, Larry Pearson, who will run today's meeting. Since the secretary is not present, Diane Lamoureux will take minutes. We started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was requested for Marie Smith, Diane's sons-in-law mother, who passed away recently.

Larry welcomed Richard Hurteau as our newest COA member.

Minutes from Meeting on April 20, 2023: Motion made by Sandy and seconded by Larry to accept the minutes of the April meeting. Unanimous vote by Sue, Sandy, Larry and Diane.

Monthly Budget: Larry mentioned that we were disappointed that additional funds were not provided at ATM for van driver salaries. Tina will be using Formula Grant Funds to supplement this line item. This is our only alternative other than denying seniors Van rides when needed. Tina handed out the budget as of 5-18-23 along with balances. We will need to utilize the Formula Grant for the remainder of the fiscal year to pay the drivers. Any monies left over can be carried over to the next fiscal year. Current non-certified balance is \$11,154 on the Formula Grant. Additional discussion ensued.

New Business:

- a. New Budget from ATM: As discussed above, budget passed as was discussed with BOS
- b. Policies & Procedures
 - i. Board member Appointment
 - ii. Board Member Resignations

Discussed at previous meeting. Pam made a motion to accept both policies dated 4-20-23, Larry seconded. No discussion. Vote taken to approve, Unanimous.

- c. COA Officer Elections:

Vote to approve Diane Lamoureux as Chairperson, Larry Pearson as Vice Chair, and Pat Finn as Secretary of the COA for the new Fiscal Year starting July 1, 2023. Sandy made a motion and Pam seconded Diane as Chairperson. Unanimous vote. Sandy made a motion and Pam seconded Larry as Vice. Unanimous. Sandy made a motion and Pam seconded Pat as Secretary. Unanimous.

- d. Summer Activities:

- i. Summer picnic for Seniors will be on July 10, 2023. Tina recommends pulled pork or chicken sandwiches with salads instead of hotdogs and hamburgers (lot of work). We have entertainment. Good Stuff Smokehouse was also mentioned as a possible supplier. The workshop will be planned and posted in the near future.
- ii. August – Rep. Soter would like to have a luncheon for the seniors here at the Senior Center. Senior Club could have their meeting but food would be paid for by Rep. Soter.
- iii. Sheriff's Picnic is already scheduled for June 10th, Saturday, and our van is full.
- iv. Mother's Day Tea is scheduled for next week.

- e. Other items not received within 48 hours: Nothing brought up.

5. Old/pending Business:

- a. Automatic Front Door Opener. Waiting on Preston for quote (#3) so we can submit to town for payment. Discussion followed, questions from Richard regarding why we need this. Tina mentioned that we should be handicapped accessible, we have seniors who have trouble with the door. Tina will call the disabilities office and ADA to check general laws. Richard suggested that we send an email to Building Inspector to find out about required permitting for a municipal building.
- b. Floor refinishing – quote/update: Tina has quotes and will follow up to have main hall done. We will also choose carpet color for quote.

6. Member Forum:

- 1) Richard asked questions regarding using Beaulieu Account for non-residents of Millville. The account is for seniors.
- 2) Sandy mentioned that nobody came to the Men's Discussion meeting recently held. What can we do to have more men participate? What would men like to do? Horseshoes? Badminton? Pickleball? We need more participation!

- 3) Richard asked whether or not new activities can be held during evening hours. Tina said someone has to be here to open and close.
- 4) Sandy asked if we could do Beer and Dynamite night but we would need a one day license and request permission from the BOS.
- 5) Larry mentioned expenses from Encore and was told by an outside source that the expenses are in line.
- 6) Diane discussed grants for paint classes and how the amounts have gotten progressively less each year. Then discussed growing medical marijuana and perhaps sponsoring a talk about medical marijuana here at the Senior Center. Pam questioned if we need to get approval from BOS before we do something like this. Larry agreed that we should get clarification from TA prior to proceeding. Add to next agenda.
- 7) Richard asked about interest in a garden club here at the Center. Could also include houseplants. For future discussion.
- 8) Pam will not be available on June 15th as she is having surgery. She will not be available for the Senior Cookout but will call in on July 20th.

7. Public Forum: Judy Monroe mentioned that an electronic door is needed but perhaps ADA has grants available to pay for this. Rep Soter may also be a good contact to help.

Richard is going for surgery on Friday, and we all wish him well.

8. Next meeting Date:

The next regularly scheduled COA Meeting will be on Thursday, June 15th at 1:00 p.m. Tina will not be available.

Richard made a motion and Sandy seconded it that the meeting be adjourned. **Unanimous vote** and meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Patricia Finn, Secretary, COA.

Minutes Accepted on:

June 15, 2023

by: Diane L.
Larry P.
Sandy C.

Richard H.
Sue R.

Copies provided at meeting:

- 1) May COA Budget Update
- 2) Encore Expenses 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- 3) Policies/Procedures for Becoming a COA Member and Resignation from COA