

Truro Council on Aging  
Advisory Board  
January 10, 2024  
Meeting Minutes

**PRESENT ON ZOOM:** Sue Irwin-Girard, Kevin Grunwald, Apryl Shenk, Deborah Smulian, Barbara Bond, Carol Bishop, Kat Black, Joan Moriarty (FTCOA). **Staff:** Michelle Peterson, director, and Georgette Ducey, Outreach.

- ☐ Meeting call to order by Sue, Vice Chair, in Dan's absence, at 9:05 am.
- ☐ Apryl made a motion to approve the December minutes. Kevin seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
- ☐ Georgette gave the highlights of her report, which included a graph of the last three months, for transportation, luncheons and health & fitness. Numbers declined a bit in December, probably due to the holidays.
- ☐ Michelle reported that the open enrollment period went well. The SHINE volunteers did more than has been done in the past, in terms of actually helping to apply for Medicare and supplements. There will be a SHINE volunteer counselor at the Truro COA every second Tuesday of the month.
- ☐ As far as Michelle knows, the request for a transportation/ activities employee is still in the mix. The Select Board budget meeting will be January 23 at 8:30 am. Sue is planning to attend.
- ☐ Michelle reported that she met with the Friends recently and they approved \$700 for postage for the newsletter. For the next budget cycle there will be a line item for \$1,500 for postage.
- ☐ Friends are paying for the Sandbar Quartet for the Valentine's Luncheon.
- ☐ Friends are also helping to pay for an individual's heating system in the amount of \$1,700. They also purchased gift cards for the holidays. The Lower Cape Outreach Council was involved, as well.
- ☐ Ann Greenbaum helped Michelle with a grant for marketing funds in the amount of \$2440.
- ☐ Ann Courtney is working on a grant to create a stain glass class. Funds may still be needed for supplies.
- ☐ See Barbara's attached report on the Truro Pantry.
- ☐ Michelle has been working with Trish at the Library to deliver books to homebound seniors. Volunteers will do the deliveries.
- ☐ Apryl suggested we promote a book swap.
- ☐ Kat asked if volunteers could be recruited to help cover the front desk when Katie is unavailable. Barbara said she would look into it.
- ☐ Regarding the Senior of the Year, Michelle reported that Damion is handling it. If there is a volunteer luncheon as in the past, Deborah asked if there could be invitations to those who nominated Bruce Bolin. Brief discussion about publicity. Besides the COA and Town newsletters, the Provincetown Independent could be asked to cover it.

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