

Truro Council on Aging
Advisory Board
December 13, 2023
Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Dan Schreiner, Kevin Grunwald, Sue Irwin-Girard, Apryl Shenk, Deborah Smulian, Carol Bishop, Kat Black, Joan Moriarty (FTCOA), Michelle Peterson and Georgette Ducey.

- Apryl moved and Sue seconded to approve the November minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
- Georgette gave her report, highlighting that transportation numbers are up, attendance in general is up. She will do a graph showing comparison by month of participation on some of the most used COA services.
- Michelle gave her report and highlighted the AARP tax assistance program which begins in February. The Sandwich field trip to see the holiday lights has 16 signed up. For the Veteran's Day luncheon our regular cook was not available, but Julie from Box Lunch filled in. Town Meeting transportation was provided. There needs to be a better plan for seniors so that they don't have to wait in long lines to check in.
- Michelle is looking into the Senior Community Service Employment Program through Elder Services.
- Michelle has submitted a request, through Damion, for a transportation/ activities full time employee. January 23 is the budget justification meeting with the Select Board.
- Michelle is hoping to use leftover formula grant funds to upgrade one of the transportation drivers to help with activities and transportation planning until the position is reinstated. There was also the suggestion that the Friends might be able to fund the position if we don't get approval for it.
- Deborah nominated Bruce Boleyn for 2022 Senior of the Year. Two others were nominated by staff members. Bruce was unanimously voted to be our selection. Michelle will let us know when he will be notified and honored.
- Joan Moriarty represented the Friends of the Truro COA. The Friends continue to contribute financially to individual seniors in need and to COA programs, for which we are all very grateful.
- Brief discussion of the second focus group meeting. Kat will submit a blurb about the focus groups to Michelle for the newsletter.
- We will discuss goals and objectives for 2024 in January.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:03 am.

Respectfully submitted,


Katherine Black

