

**MILFORD COUNCIL ON AGING
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2012**

Chairman, Vincent Squiciari, called the February meeting of the Council on Aging to order at 10:00 am. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Paul Gallagher, the secretary, read the December 13th, 2011 meeting minutes (there was no quorum in January, 2012). A motion to accept the minutes was made by Raye Ferrera and seconded by Josephine Magliocca. The motion passed unanimously.

SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Ruth Anne read the Director's Report. There were no questions. Motion to accept the Director's Report was made by Stanley Nalewajko and seconded by Fran Small. The motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET REPORT:

The expenses for January and February combined were \$4,461.38 for the van, \$145.35 for telephone, \$186.09 for office supplies and postage, and \$459.41 for facility expenses for a total of \$5,252.23, leaving a balance of \$23,503.98. Raye Ferrera made a motion to accept the Budget Report and it was seconded by Fran Small. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

SENIOR OF THE YEAR

Even though, according to tradition, the recipient of Senior of the Year should be a man, Raye Ferrera nominated Shirley Bonnell. Various other people were discussed as well. The motion to make Shirley Bonnell Senior of the Year 2012 was made by Raye seconded by Ed Roth. The motion passed unanimously. Shi

BOARD EMERITUS

Ruth Anne inquired about nominating Anthony Grillo for Board Emeritus posthumously and found that it was quite possible. The Council decided to submit his name to the selectmen in April or May, when his family will back in Town.

UPSTAIRS EXPANSION

The original bids for the project were too high so the project was put out to bid again and finally a contractor was found. The actual work is supposed to start in one or two weeks.

NEW BUSINESS:**PASTRY DONATIONS**

Ruth Anne reported the problem of people clamoring at the window in the morning when the receptionist is very busy for pastry that is donated by Hannaford's . Several solutions to the problem were discussed, including to have a volunteer at the window to handle it. Although discussed, no solution was found to the idea of having the pastry completely removed from the office area.

SUGGESTION BOX

The box has been installed in the hall. Some suggestions have been received: "Thank you for the suggestion box. Do not take any more names once the maximum count has been reached for events at the Senior Center; Please keep the water cooler upstairs filled and have cups available; Any way the trips could be less expensive?; Thank you for having the box. Could we have coffee and cake served at Mah Jongg on Thursdays? Bellingham Senior Center does it and that is why many of the players are going there."

The Council discussed the suggestions: Ruth Anne will talk to Burt about the cooler. We will be more careful about taking people after the maximum count has been reached. The Friends of the Milford Senior Center already makes the trips as inexpensive as they can be and they try to offer trips in various price ranges.

NEW POSITIONS

Ruth Anne has made a request for a part-time Client Services Coordinator and another part-time Program Coordinator. She made a presentation to the Selectmen on February 6th and it seemed to be well-received.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Raye Ferrera to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Stanley Nalewajko. The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m. Absent from the meeting were Theresa Pluta and Bob Dwyer.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Gallagher, Secretary