

BERKLEY COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
December 07, 2023

Board Present: Margaret Moroff, Arlene Medeiros, Kathee Strozyk, Carol Buote, Cathy Charette

- I. **Call to Order** - Margaret Moroff called the meeting to order at 9:32 in the hearing room. Margaret Moroff stated the meeting is being videotaped.
- II. **Acceptance of Prior Minutes** – Arlene Medeiros motioned to accept the minutes from November 6, 2023. Kathee Strozyk seconded the motion. The board voted to accept the minutes
- III. **FY 2024 Budget** - Krista Celia presented the financial report as of November 30, 2023
 1. Town Budget Balance: \$19,912.78
 2. Formula Grant: \$12,394.77
 3. Program Donations: \$8,474.92
 4. General Donations: \$4275.36
- IV. **Events** –
 1. Ceramics – Margaret Moroff spoke about the previous ceramics workshop and said it was a lot of fun. Kathee Strozyk asked how many people participated and Krista Celia replied 10. Margaret Moroff said there were new people at the class. Krista Celia said that the Christmas Tree workshop brought in new people which in turn signed up for the next ceramics class. Margaret Moroff said we were thinking of having ceramics and painting every other month. Krista Celia explained that every other month was for attendance reasons. Margaret Moroff said the people who attend enjoy the classes.
 2. Painting with Amy - Margaret Moroff announced that the upcoming workshop with Amy would be a holiday craft - The project would be a wooden block Santa, reindeer, or snowman. Kathlee Strozyk said Amy is always very helpful.
 3. Blood Pressure Clinic – Margaret Moroff stated that the blood pressure clinic will be 12-27-23.
 4. Manicures – Margaret Moroff said manicures seem to be going well. Krista Celia asked the board how they wanted to handle no shows for appointments. Margaret Moroff suggested having participants prepay. Margaret suggested finding someone else to take their place if the participant is sick that day. Krista Celia said she would schedule Kerrie Ann for a shorter period of time so that if there are last minute cancelations than she would use a waiting list to fill those spots.
 5. Holiday Party - Margaret Moroff talked about the upcoming Christmas Party on December 9th. Margaret Moroff said that she would be at the school at 10:00 to set up and that there will be raffle prizes. Margaret Moroff said that there is no charge for the raffle and everyone will get a ticket when they come in. Carol Buote said that people really enjoyed the raffles last year. Krista Celia said that the Board of Health will be giving all the participants a bag full of goodies. Margaret Moroff said that the friends are giving everyone a gift card to market basket. Margaret Moroff said the selectmen will be coming and the middle school kids will be helping. Krista Celia said that she would be putting together goodie bags for the student helpers. Kathee Strozyk asked how many people are coming to the party and Krista Celia answered 108. Margaret Moroff said there are not many no shows. It is a really good Turkey Dinner. Krista Celia said she would bring a speaker to play holiday music.
 6. Holiday Card Workshop – Krista Celia said the instructor asked for additional funds for the class because the signups were more than anticipated. The board voted to increase the fee to \$100 but not the \$120 that was requested.

7. Hemp Workshop – Krista Celia talked about the Hemp Workshop needing to be rescheduled from January 3rd to January 31st.
8. The Kindness Project – Krista Celia said she was just contacted about this project so it will not be in the newsletter. She explained that she was contacted by a teacher from the middle school about a school club called the kindness club. They want to have an event for seniors. It will be free and it will be painting ornaments.
9. New Events – Margaret Moroff said the friends will be having a couple of day trips. She listed the Beach Boys, the museum, a cruise, Lake Pearl, and a trip to Lake George. They are also planning lunches. Krista Celia talked about playing games after the next friends lunch. Margaret Moroff said the number of people getting grab and go has increased. There are no income guidelines. Margaret Moroff said if anyone is having problems with food to please reach out. There are programs available to help people. Margaret Moroff talked about the center having Karen Fisher available to help people. Kathee Strozyk said there are programs available. Kathee Strozyk said she is learning about programs from Bristol Elders.

V. Public Input- There was no public input.

VI. **Notice of the Next Meeting** – January 4, 2024.

VII. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 10:06.