**Westport Council on Aging**

**Regular Board Meeting**

**November 17, 2022**

Members Present: Also Present

Bill Gifford Beverly Bisch, Director

Tony Cestodio Joshua Brum, Clerk

Eileen Moncrief

Muriel Kokoszka

Irene Buck

Marie Fontaine

**Open Meeting:** The meeting came to order at 9:04 A.M. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance presided over by Irene Buck.

**Minutes**: The Board decided to table voting on approving the minutes of September 13, 2022 until next meeting. Muriel Kokoszka is not pleased with the recent format change. The Board agreed to discuss this at the next meeting. **Motion** to table postpone was made by Tony Cestodio and seconded by Bill Gifford and was approved unanimously. The Board then voted on the the minutes of October 11, 2022. They were approved by all except for Muriel Kokoszka who voted no.

**Correspondence:** There was no correspondence to be read.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Presented by Bill Gifford (See Attachment A) **Motion** to accept the report made by Muriel Kokoszka and seconded by Eileen Moncrief and were approved unanimously.

**Financial Handout Grant Resources 2020-2022:** (See Attachment B) Beverly Bisch explained the handout. That included all of our current grants. The amount, start and end dates and acceptable uses of each were explained. Beverly Bisch also received another $5000 South Coast Community grant from Senator Mike Rodrigues. She asked the Board to come up with 5 possible ideas for using the funds. The Board recommended paying some of Social Day’s Aide wages, Home repairs through Outreach, new website or technology programing, activities or marketing. It will be discussed and voted on in the next meeting.

**Director’s report**: Presented by Beverly Bisch. (See attachment C) Beverly Bisch read the letter she received from ARAW that arrived with our check for $19375.

**Strategic Planning:** Marie Fontaine is working on putting a survey together. It will be a similar mailing like the one we sent for the technology survey. It will focus on seniors over 60 to help identify needs and interest for our Westport seniors. Possible sponsors may be solicited to defer some of the cost.

**Upcoming Events:** See agenda item number VIII. The holiday open house by the Friends of the Council on Aging. Irene Buck thought maybe this Board could do something instead.

**New Business:** The Board accepted the resignation of Bill Gifford as treasurer and thanked him for him for his many years of service. He will stay on the board though. **Motion** to accept was made by Muriel Kokoszka and seconded by Eileen Moncrief and passed unanimously. Muriel Kokoszka was nominated to be the new treasure. **Motion** was made by Eileen Moncrief and seconded by Marie Fontaine and passed unanimously.

Eileen Moncrief gave a technology report. She hopes to get younger seniors more involved at the COA. She was also looking into running more cost effective programs and possibly partnering with Coastal Neighbors and the Dartmouth COA. Eileen would like to set up a Tech Café on the ground floor in the old exercise room. She also hoped to get some volunteers from both Umass Dartmouth and Westport High School.

**Other Business:**

**Motion** made to adjourn meeting at 10:37 A.M. was made by Tony Cestodio and seconded by Bill Gifford and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Joshua Brum: Principal Clerk