

Truro Council on Aging Board
Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2022 9:00 am

In Attendance: Dan Schreiner, Sue Girard-Irwin, Jim Brown and Kat Black
Absent: Mary-Elizabeth Briscoe, Elton Cutler, Myles MacKay

- Vice-Chair Dan Schreiner opened the meeting at 9:05. He reported that Ms. Briscoe is in an all day meeting and unable to attend.
- Dan reported that board applicant Apryl Shank will have her hearing at the Select Board meeting this evening. Applicant Carol Bishop will be considered a week or two later. Hopefully by the February meeting we will have two more board members.
- Minutes were not approved since there is not a quorum. Kat will send out March, November, December and January meeting minutes prior to the February meeting, in hopes that they can be voted on.
- Kat gave a report on her exploration on how By-Laws are revised in terms of changing the total number of board members and eliminating the treasurer's position.
- Jim Brown gave a report on how the Friends interact with the board. He stated that in the past, it has been through the director. The Friends is a 501 C3 charity that supports the programs of the COA. They pay for things that are not appropriate for the Town to pay for or things that come up during the year that weren't in the budget. Those things can then be put in next year's budget. They have \$250,000 in reserve.
- Examples of things the Friends pay for are:
 - seniors taken to Cape Cod Hospital by ambulance who need a cab to return home, the Friends will pay for the cab.
 - chair yoga which was a program that was added and missed the budget deadline; the Friends are still paying for it a year or two later because Covid interrupted the process of putting it in the budget.
 - if Elton gets an urgent request for financial assistance from a senior.
 - smoke detectors and CO detectors
 - lock boxes so the police can check on seniors who are alone and don't answer the phone
 - entertainment at luncheons
- In 2021 \$16,000 was raised through the membership drive, which is more than usual
- Jim said the Friends would be open to more interaction with the Board
- He said he would ask their secretary to send us a message notifying us when the Friends have a meeting scheduled, so we could bring requests to them.
- The Friends have three new members.
- Jim said he would be glad to attend future COA Board meetings.
- Dan offered to ask Mary-Elizabeth to have the newest By-Laws (2019) uploaded to the Town's website.
- Kat offered to send out the 2019 By-Laws to Board members.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Kat Black

