

BERKLEY COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
05/15/2025

Board Present: Margaret Moroff, Carol Buote, Arlene Medeiros, Kathy Strozyk

- I. **Call to Order** – Margaret Moroff called the meeting to order at 9:30 in the hearing room. She reminded everyone that the meeting is being recorded.
- II. **Acceptance of Prior Minutes** – The board voted to accept the minutes from 3/20/2025 and 04/17/25
- III. **FY 2024 Budget** - Krista Celia presented the financial report for April 2025
 1. Town Budget Balance: Salary: \$6,145, Town Funded Accounts: \$1,597.09
 2. Formula Grant: \$17,165.57
 3. Program Donations: \$12,087.70
 4. General Donations: \$5691.56
- IV. **Events** – The board discussed the following upcoming events
 - a. Narcan Training – The board discussed the Narcan Training that was hosted in the COA with the POP Unit. There will be another training offered in the fall.
 - b. Cultural Council grant recipient Jumpin Juba will perform at the Friend's luncheon on May 21st. There are 57 people signed up to attend and the list is now closed.
 - c. Brown Bag and the Blood Pressure Clinic will be held Wednesday, May 28th. There are 38 participants currently signed up.
 - d. Men's Group – The men's group has been scheduled for May 28th and June 25th. The June 25th meeting will feature a presentation about the Normandy invasion. The WWII program will also be open to woman and will be clarified in the next newsletter.
 - e. AED Defibrillator Training with Liza Amaral will be held on May 29th at 10:00.
 - f. Water Color Painting is scheduled for June 5th at 9:00. Water color painting is a different medium than the acrylic that the COA hosts.
 - g. Podiatry is scheduled for June 19th.
 - h. Summer Card Making Class is scheduled for June 26th at 9:00.
 - i. Singo is scheduled for July 16th. The board discussed the popularity of this program.
 - j. Amy King will teach a Hydrangea painting on July 10th at 2:45. This painting will be different because this picture will have a 3-dimensional effect. Her classes have been well attended and the board discussed how helpful Amy is as a teacher.
 - k. Cultural Council grant recipient Fran Hart will be performing his program The Beat Generation, 1950s August 11th at 4:00. The Friends voted at their meeting to pay for the catering for the Fran Hart event.
 - l. Sue from the Garden Club will offer a class on September 18th. It will be \$200 for the class with a maximum of 20 people. Essentially it will be \$10 a person but the class will have a fee of \$200 regardless of attendance due to the cost of supplies. Everything will be supplied by Sue. The board voted to charge \$5 for Berkley residents and \$10 for nonresidents. This class may be offered again in the spring if attendance is good.
 - m. Scam Prevention with Tom Quinn – The District Attorney will be in on October 8th at 12:00. The board reviewed a quote from DeAvilas and agreed to ask the Friends to pay for the catering.
 - n. New Programs – The board discussed the prior CBD program and decided not to bring it back at this time. The board is interested in having Carol from the Library run a program on the offerings from the library. The board also discussed a Jeopardy game that Kathy Strozyk has that could be run in the COA. The board also discussed bringing in local authors.

- V. **Outreach** – Krista Celia discussed a grant that she applied for through Bristol Aging and Wellness. The grant is a two-year grant and we will not hear back until July. Karen Fisher’s last day will be at the end of June.
- VI. **Friends** – There were no representatives from the Friends group at the meeting.
- VII. **Public Input** – The board discussed two articles that are on the town warrant. One is a donation account that is would be set up through the town that would help seniors pay their taxes. The other is a tax work off program. These programs have not yet been developed. Krista Celia was not sure if the tax work off program was on the warrant and she did not think that it was. Margaret Moroff expressed concern that the programs were not developed yet and adding them to the warrant before they were established is concerning.
- VIII. **Next Meeting** – June 26th at 9:15
- IX. **Motion to Adjourn.** The board voted to adjourn the meeting.