

BERKLEY COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
04/17/2025

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

- 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 table the minutes from 3/20/2025
- III. **FY 2024 Budget** - Krista Celia presented the financial report for March 31, 2025
 1. Town Budget Balance: Salary: \$8,603, Town Funded Accounts: \$2,141.20
 2. Formula Grant: \$18,654.73
 3. Program Donations: \$11,481.95
 4. General Donations: \$5,007.39
- IV. **Events** – The board discussed the following upcoming events
 - a. Brown Bag and the Blood Pressure Clinic will be held Wednesday, April 23rd. Participation continues to grow and there are 38 participants currently signed up.
 - b. Singo will be held on May 7th at 12:30. This program has 27 people signed up to attend. The fee to run Singo is \$150 and the board agreed to continue offering this program.
 - c. Painting with Amy is scheduled for May 8th at 2:45. Amy's painting classes have been well attended. The last class had 20 participants.
 - d. Lunch and Learn with Bristol Aging and Wellness presented by Dawn Demarco. The program will be Nutrition Jeopardy and will be held on 05/04/25 at 12:00. There are 44 people signed up to attend.
 - e. Cultural Council grant recipient Jumpin Juba will perform at the Friend's luncheon on May 21st. The lunch will be hot dogs, coleslaw, and beans.
 - f. Men's Group – The men's group has been scheduled for May 28th and June 25th. There were only 4 participants at the last meeting of the men's group. The June 25th meeting will feature a presentation about the Normandy invasion through present day photographs.
 - g. AED Defibrillator Training with Liza Amaral will be held on May 29th at 10:00.
 - h. Water Color Painting is scheduled for June 5th at 9:00.
 - i. Podiatry is scheduled for June 19th. This service is well attended and all of the appointments were booked last time with an additional 3 appointments that were squeezed into the schedule.
 - j. Summer Card Making Class is scheduled for June 26th at 9:00. There were approximately 8 participants in the last class. It is \$100 for the COA to offer card making.
 - k. Cultural Council grant recipient Fran Hart will be performing his program The Beat Generation, 1950s pm on August 11th at 4:00. The Friend's voted at their meeting to pay for the catering for the Fran Hart event.
 - l. The Berkley Police will be hosting a Narcan Training in the COA on April 28th at 7:00. It will be open to the public.
- V. **Outreach** – Karen Fisher will be working in the COA on Thursdays. The preliminary budget fully funded the director's salary at her current hours and it also funded the request budget line items with the exception of the funding for the Administrative Assistant position. Krista Celia said that she will be applying for a grant to fund an Outreach Coordinator. The grant is facilitated through Bristol Aging and Wellness and it is a 2-year grant. The funding would be available in October or November and would run for 2 years. The board discussed the impact of the budget on seniors. The Selectmen will be offering a laid-back time, once a month to come have coffee with them.

- VI. **Friends** – There were no representatives from the Friends group at the meeting. The Friends will have their cookout on the common on July 4th again. The craft fair will be held in September.
- VII. **Public Input** – There was no public input
- VIII. **Next Meeting** – May 15th at 9:30
- IX. **Motion to Adjourn.** The board voted to adjourn the meeting.