

BERKLEY COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
07/17/25

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

- I. **Call to Order** – Margaret Moroff called the meeting to order at 9:32 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 05/15/25
- III. **FY 2024 Budget** - Krista Celia presented the financial report for June 30, 2025
 1. Town Budget Balance: Salary: -147.48, Town Funded Accounts: \$123.99
 2. Formula Grant: \$21,160.14
 3. Program Donations: \$12,215.95
 4. General Donations: \$5371.91
- IV. **Events** – The board discussed the following upcoming events
 - a. Men's Group – The next men's group will be July 23rd. The prior men's group was a WWII program and was well attended. In August during the time allocated for the men's group there will be a presentation by Bruce Newcomb about Henry Ford.
 - b. Brown Bag and the Blood Pressure Clinic will be held Wednesday, July 23rd. There are 40 participants currently signed up.
 - c. Trivia with Kevin will be July 28th he will be moving at the end of the Summer so this will be the last of his trivia programs.
 - d. Tech Office hours will be available by appointment on July 29th beginning at 12:00
 - e. Watercolor Painting will be on Thursday, August 7th at 9:00. It's a newer program for the COA and the last class was a lot of fun. The instructor has limited availability. Class is about an hour long.
 - f. Cultural Council grant recipient Fran Hart will be performing his program The Beat Generation, 1950s on August 11th at 4:00. The program is full and there is a waitlist.
 - g. Lithium Battery Safety will be held on Thursday, August 21st at 10:00.
 - h. Amy King will teach a fall picket fence scarecrow on Thursday, September 11th.
 - i. Mosquito Control Presentation – The new public health nurse and a member of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Board will have a presentation about mosquito safety on Wednesday, September 17th at 1:00.
 - j. Sue from the Garden Club will offer a fall planter class on September 18th. The class time has been moved to 9:30 a.m.
 - k. Scam Prevention with Tom Quinn – The District Attorney will be in on October 8th at 12:00.
 - l. Holiday Party will be held on Saturday, December 6th as long as the school has that day available.
 - m. Tech Talk with Kevin will be held in August. This is specifically about iPhone tips and tricks.
 - n. Ceramics – The COA has not been offering ceramics because the ceramic instructor does not have compatible hours with the COA and attendance was not what the director had hoped for.
 - o. Singo will be back in September.
 - p. Jeopardy – Kathee Strozyk discussed the idea of having a jeopardy game potentially with Berkley historical facts.
- V. **Updates** – Kathee Strozyk updated the board about the Bristol Aging and Wellness Grant. She said that the grant funding available is just over \$200,000 and over \$600,000 in requests were made. She said there would be further information available at the end of the month. Kathee also

discussed her role as a member of the Board of Directors for Bristol Aging and Wellness. Her term is up and the COA board agreed that they would like for her to continue as their representative. Kathee is the COA nonvoting representative for the newly formed Fiscal Task Force. Nan Thompson informed the COA Board that she is a member of the Fiscal Task Force and she joined as a voice for seniors. She is a voting member.

The board discussed the senior work off program. Krista Celia said that the first meeting to get this program started would be sometime in August. And the goal was to have some hires by January. The board discussed the Air Conditioner drive. Krista Celia said that she would be promoting it in the next newsletter.

- VI. **Friends** – There were no representatives from the Friends group at the meeting. They will be having the Veterans Day lunch again. They will be going to Myrtle Beach in September. They are still looking for new members. The Craft Fair will be in September.
- VII. **Public Input** – There was no public input.
- VIII. **Next Meeting** – Aug 14th at 9:15
- IX. **Motion to Adjourn.** The board voted to adjourn the meeting.