Truro Council on Aging Advisory Board February 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Sue Girard-Irwin, Kevin Grunwald, Apryl Shenk, Carol Bishop, Kat Black, Dan Schreiner, Deborah Smulian (arrived at the end of the meeting); Staff: Damion Clements, Community Services Director, Michelle Peterson, COA Director, Georgette Ducey, Outreach Coordinator.

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 am.
Sue made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes. Carol seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
Georgette gave the highlights of her report. Home visits are up. Communication with Fire and Police is going well.
More lunch deliveries, IT classes are popular.
There will be a presentation on exemptions for local taxes. The Senior Municipal program which offers \$1,000 off your property taxes for work hours completed,
has one opening.
Those on the "Senior of Concern list" have been put into "Alert Truro."
Increases in health/ wellness programs and a jump in transportation requests.
Michelle reported that there will be a presentation on how to use the Flex bus.
There has been a cut in funds to COA's from the State. Michelle will report next month on the impact of these cuts.
Damion is checking out bringing in an indoor curling program.
The "Out-of-School" program for kids will include seniors.
On March 22 there will be a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at Truro Central School, which will include seniors.
We were not successful in adding a new position for Transportation and Activities Coordinator to the budget for next fiscal year. We were successful in adding 12 hours to one of the driver positions, for transportation coordination.
Michelle has met with Trish at the Library. They deliver books to homebound individuals.
In terms of goals for grant writing: Michelle is working with Anne Greenbaum.
A new grant was obtained for marketing.
Sue will update the Goals and Objectives.
The luncheon that Fire and Police will provide for seniors will be in March or April.
We will most likely honor our 2022 Senior of the Year, Bruce Boleyn, then.
Carol & Deborah submitted a report re: senior of the year nominating committee.
Next meeting will be March 20, due to Dan's being away. Meeting time going forward will be decided using a doodle poll. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.
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