

Truro Council On Aging Board  
Meeting Minutes  
May 10, 2022, 9:00 am

In attendance: Dan Schreiner, Kat Black, Sue Girard-Irwin, Apryl Shenk, Carol Bishop  
(Jim Brown came at the end of the meeting)

MINUTES

Apryl made a motion to accept the April minutes. Kat seconded. Unanimously approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Damion was unable to attend the meeting but sent Dan a report which he shared prior to the meeting. (See report) Dan mentioned two items of special interest. One was the Puma Park event on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30. Kathy Stetson will be introducing new playground equipment that is suited to all ages, including elders. Dan also mentioned a series of Fund Raising webinars offered to Friends of the Councils on Aging, which we might want to attend. It is a 3-part series, the first two are May 18 and June 21, at 1 pm. Brief discussion ensued regarding how attending these webinars could be a way to connect and work with the Truro Friends of the COA.

OUTREACH AND TRANSPORTATION

Elton's report was shared prior to the meeting. Available on request.

BARBECUE IDEA

Sue made a suggestion that we consider planning an outdoor barbecue for September. She had a conversation with Briane Smith, LCSW, who serves as the navigator for Outer Cape Health and checks in on the needs of Truro elders. She enjoys doing party planning and would like to help us create an event. Discussion occurred. We could ask the Friends of the COA to help pay for it. Dan said he would contact Damion to find out about approvals necessary and how to go about setting a date.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Apryl reported that Myles had agreed tentatively to serve as Vice Chair. (Dan and Kat had agreed previously to serve as Chair and Secretary, respectively.) However, Myles is unsure about his long-term residency since he is in the process of selling his house. If he is unable to serve, Sue agrees to be the backup Vice Chair. Kat made a motion to accept the slate of officers, Dan as Chair, Kat as Secretary, Myles as Vice Chair, and Sue as backup Vice Chair. Carol seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

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## OTHER BUSINESS

Kat shared conversations she had over the past month with two town residents who advocate for our elders. One was with Shawn Grunwald who served as Transportation Coordinator for the Truro COA until she retired in 2021. She is still serving on the Area Agency on Aging Board as an at large member. She reported that the Truro COA no longer has a representative. She also let us know that we missed out on funding from Elder Services of Cape Cod, due to the annual application not being submitted.

Kat also spoke with Susan Howe, who is the Chair of the Truro Commission on Disabilities. She had attended the Pre-Annual Town Meeting meeting and had questioned Town officials about the lack of staff at the COA. There are currently two vacancies, neither of which are currently posted. (The COA currently has only one employee dedicated to the COA, Elton Cutler, for Outreach. Chelsea Micks, office assistant, and Damion are both assigned to the Recreation Department and the COA.) After the meeting, Damion reached out to Susan, and they conversed by email. He provided her with program information and data.

Discussion ensued about whether it is our charge to advocate for filling these positions. Ultimately it was decided to wait and see what transpires.

## FRIENDS OF THE TRURO COA

Jim Brown arrived at the meeting late, thinking it was at 10 am instead of 9. He reported that the Friends are planning to send out an email to members of the Friends to see if there is an interest in having a Spring Luncheon. There hasn't been one for two years due to the Pandemic. He will let us know what they find out.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine Black

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