

Petersham Council on Aging

Board Minutes

May 08, 2017

The meeting opened at 10:05. Members present were Kay Berry, Sheila Youd, Mary Russell, Janice Olson, Brian Miner and Lynn Shaw

The Treasurer's report stated the balance in the checking account as of today is \$3803.97. This amount includes the money from the Town grant and one-half the money from the Elder Affairs grant. There is \$79 in the gift account.

There are no health programs planned at this time.

Tai Chi class has ended for the summer. At least 11 individuals are interested in continuing Tai Chi, so we will have them back in the fall. They will charge \$40 per class and we will ask \$5 from participants.

The Monday and Friday fitness class is going very well and has been extended into May. Fourteen or fifteen attend each session.

Yoga with April has ended. Elizabeth Garrett has offered to help do a class if we want.

It was suggested that we might want to put together a trip to Tower Hill for lunch and we received a card from Ed the Wizard about his program offering.

The MA Association of Councils on Aging and Senior Centers sent an invoice for \$168. This is a state sponsored advocacy group. We never pay this and won't this year.

Franklin County has a free service, Dial-a-Lawyer, for one day, May 24, from 4-7. We are checking to see if Worcester County has something similar.

There will be something put into the newsletter about a service from Boston about radio reading of the news and other articles of interest. The newsletter will also have information about Medicare buy-in programs that help pay for Medicare Part B. These programs are income dependent.

There is a durable medical equipment reuse program available. Local undertakers will also lend this type of equipment free of charge.

We received a notice reminding everyone to check their quarterly Medicare bill summary to check for fraudulent claims.

We thanked LifePath Walkers, Kay and Pam, who raised \$155. LifePath is moving to Munson Street in Greenfield.

Janice and Mary were congratulated on completing Serve Safe.

The Big E date for this year will be September 21. We received a \$495 grant and have sent a deposit of \$155 to Silver Fox.

There will be no meeting for the next two months, The next meeting will be August 14, at 10am.

Respectively submitted by Lynn Shaw, acting Secretary.