**Council on Aging of Williamsburg and Haydenville**

**Minutes of the Meeting of February15, 2023**

**Present:** Pat Billingsley, Mary Bisbee, Daria D'Arienzo, Linda Gibbon, Dianne Martin, Maureen O'Brien. Director Melissa Wilson. Quorum was met.

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m.

**Minutes:** Motion to accept Minutes of the Meeting of January 18, 2022. (Seconded).

**Director's Report:**

* **Grants:**
* The Senior Center budget is due February 24, 2023.
* Highland Valley Elder Services (HVES) grant is due in March.
* Executive Office off Elder Affairs (EOEA) Grant:
* The Director and Sherry Loomis are working on the grant.
* There is currently no backup plan for continuing a mailed *Living Well* newsletter. Suggestions have included providing only e-copies, soliciting paid subscriptions, leaving some hard copies in key locations, opt-in policies to receive hard copy, mailing copies to homebound seniors only. Six other hilltowns will have a say.
* **Programs & Events**
* The Valentine's Day Party was a success.
  + April 26th: Open House and Volunteer Recognition:
    - The Senior Center will hold an open house for the refurbished Senior Community Room; it will showcase the room transformation due to Town Building Repair Funds funds.
    - Some kind of volunteer recognition will be part of the event, though many volunteers do not seek public recognition. Suggestions were offered: a table of tokens like a mug, etc.
    - Refreshments will be served.
  + An ice cream social is planned for July
  + August plans include a multigenerational event featuring therapy dogs.
  + September is the target for a Triad Health presentation.

**Old Business:** Discussion continued about providing a community screening of a recommended film, *Gen Silent*.

* There is no need for outside funding to present *Gen Silent*. Pat Billingsley reported that *Kanopy* has granted permission for the film to be shown in group settings.
* She will check on whether the film must be shown in the Meekins Library. Other venues like the AT Dunphy School auditorium might be considered because of the possible size of the audience. Melissa Wilson will check with the school.
* No date has at yet been chosen.

**Possible Afternoon Social Activities**: Presentations on Williamsburg local history might be best appreciated in a time slot before congregate meals on Weds. with lunch (or bring your own) afterward. Some suggested names: *Peeking into the Past, Untold Stories of Williamsburg, etc.*

**Other Business***:* Maureen O'Brien circulated the C.O.A. Communications Chart for updating. She will forward the completed chart to all members.

**Motion to adjourn**. (Seconded). The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

**The next meeting** of the Williamsburg-Haydenville Council on Aging Boardwill beheld at **12:15 on Weds. March 15, 2023 at the Town Offices in Haydenville, MA.**