

## Minutes

## Easton Senior Center Advisory Board

March 12, 2024 – 3:30 p.m. - Easton Senior Center

Present: Althea J. Falco; Prabha Gupta; Slavica Prevelige; Wendy Bowditch; Eunice Hanson; Mary Ann Freeman and Ritu Agarwal; Val Buckley; and Randy Shapiro. Pat Camuto was present via phone.

Absent: Jim Bromer

1. The chair, Althea J. Falco, called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.
2. Slavica moved, Eunice seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2024 Advisory Board Special Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Val addressed the following items in her Executive Director's Report. The Center continues with the Covid safety measures, but the wearing of masks is optional. A big tag sale, including clothing, is starting on April 1<sup>st</sup>. It has been advertised widely via the monthly newsletter, Facebook, and newspapers. The sale of bags and jewelry will begin mid-March. The revenue updates for different fund raisers from October 1, 2023 through February 16, 2024 are: The Boutique, jewelry and handbag sale raised \$5,244.00; the Christmas Raffle raised \$2,095.00; the winter tag sale raised \$1813.72 and \$6,931.00 was received through donations. Val submitted grant papers to apply for the funding of \$130,000 for 3 years of Cross Generational Programs. Volunteers are needed for spring planting. Park and Rec will do the mulching. The 2024/2025 proposed budget for the Center is essentially flat with increases only in salary lines. The Easton Diversity and Inclusion Task Force "Taste of Eason" event, originally scheduled to be held at the Center, has been moved to the Library. Thoughts on a silent auction for seniors was discussed. Auction items would include services and/or items, such as meals, benefitting seniors.
4. Wendy will be available to seniors to discuss their questions on why their electrical bills are so high, why does cable cost so much, why do their bank accounts have so many fees and pays such low interest, just to name a few. Notice of scheduled dates will be announced in the April newsletter. Appointments are required and will be held at the senior center from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
5. Althea moved to adjourn the meeting, Wendy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m. The next scheduled regular meeting of the Easton Senior Center Advisory Board is April 9, 2024; at 3:30 pm at the Easton Senior Center.

SUBMITTED BY PRABHA GUPTA, SECRETARY