

The Sheffield Council on Aging
Minutes for April 13, 2009
By John-Arthur Miller, Pro-tem

Called to order at 5:10

Present: John-Arthur, Director

Grace Campbell

COA members: Joan, Lovina, Mary Ellen, Dawn, Rosemarie, Anne

COA members absent: Natalie, Carole, Dick

Review of Minutes: 3/9/09 minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Anne Hyatt reported checkbook balance at approximately \$2040. This account will shortly be combined with the Friends account, which has approx. \$500, now that Friends of the Sheffield Senior Center is now certified officially as a 501(c) 3 non-profit.
2. John-Arthur reported the State Formula Grant budget as having a balance of \$1,106.28, the remaining of which will be used to finance the volunteer appreciation lunch and 2or3 more editions of newsletter.
3. J-A also reported on COA Town budget. Balance is \$10,221.36. Adequate for the remainder of fiscal year. Payroll is well within budget; other line items are on budget or will cover programming that is scheduled through June.

Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

Program & Activities

J-A reviewed upcoming programs with a special plea for participation at this week's Gracious Living Day where we will host again the Berkshire School students for pizza lunch after their work projects. Some other activities scheduled are; Friday Lunch April 24 –Glory-Be Clowns to entertain – catered by PJ's at \$7/person (goulash, salad, rolls)(seniors to provide dessert goodies); June 18 picnic at Town park, GB, Egr, Alford folks invited – covered dish with SSC providing dogs and burgers – starting at 10 with pottery demo by Rick Hamelin (Sheffield Cultural Council program) and lunch at 12:00; June 26 trip to Newport Flower Show - \$55 due by May 26, and opened up to other communities May 1 in order to fill bus. Discussion and suggestions included posting flyers, and announcing at 4/24 lunch to get people signed up.

Outreach/Volunteers

1.Discussion ensued on ways to include participation at Dewey Way after the successful meeting there last month. Ideas included posting travel and other announcements there, holding Blood Pressure and Foot Clinics there instead of Dewey Hall, perhaps a summer BBQ, and occasional COA meetings to be held there as well.

Friends/New Building

1. Friends elected officers from the 7 Directors for remainder of year – Pauline Schumann, President; Inez Flinn, VP; Norma Moulton, 2ndVP; Gail Tighe, Clerk; Tom Tighe, Treasurer; Winnie Veretto, Director; Kathy Posey, Director. The next meeting is at 11:00 May 8th.
2. Representatives from the Senior Center Building Committee attended a Friendly Union Board meeting to determine if there was any interest on their part to pursue possibilities of the COA and Senior Center having more of a presence at Dewey Hall. Discussion ensued about possibilities including some building ideas which included upgrading bathrooms which appealed to the Friendly Union, questions about septic, parking needs, and adjoining land owners. They will discuss with those Board members not in attendance and report back or perhaps have Building Committee members attend their May meeting.

Director's Report: (John-Arthur):

J-A will be out of town May5-19 and asked for volunteers to help Barbara in the office during that time. A schedule was passed out for sign-up.

Volunteer Recognition Lunch date was set for Wed, June 3rd pending availability at Egremont CC.

Discussion ensued on purchasing Wii with Kiwanis donation. COA is fine with that. J-A will research further, including visit to Stockbridge COA who has bought one.

Reported that Berkshire School is requesting feedback on possible 2-week interns for their students. J-A will pursue that idea which was received favorably by COA members.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15

The next COA meeting will be on Monday, June 8, at 5 pm in Dewey Center.