

The Sheffield Council on Aging
Minutes for December 14, 2009
By Dick Magenis

Present: John-Arthur, Natalie, Anne, Joan, Dick, Mary Ellen, and Carol

Introduction: The November minutes were accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

1. The Friends checkbook account has a balance of \$2,852, with \$1,255 of that amount given in memory of loved ones.
2. The COA budget & expenses remain on line as forecasted.

Committee Reports

Program & Activities

1. Jan. 21 is a 3rd Thursday w/o a specific program planned. Ideas are welcome.
2. Thursday, Jan. 28 at 1 pm, we're hosting Berkshire Alzheimer's Partners' meeting re help for caregivers.
3. We share our newsletter with the Claire Teague Center and they share theirs with us.
4. Re holiday hours, we shall close the office 12/23, 24, 28-31 as before, with a notice on the door, if help is needed. Meals on Wheels continues, save for Christmas & New Year's.
5. Carol praised the kids from Mt. Everett on the meal & entertainment that they presented to the seniors. A sign showing which entrance to use would help.
6. The Red Hats sponsored a lively group of 30 to Bright Lights.

Outreach/Volunteers

We welcome Susan Butler as a new volunteer in the COA office.

Friends/New Building

1. Please plan to attend the special town meeting on Jan. 11 (7 pm?) to officially allow the American Legion to provide the leaching field space for the new Senior Center. The Legion asks that their septic system be rebuilt and that they share the leaching field. This is an unanticipated expense. Some zoning by-laws will also be addressed at this meeting.
2. Joe Kellogg has yet to meet with the new architect for the next phase of building the new Senior Center. Joe will be the site manager, while Berkshire Housing & Development will oversee the finances. Drawings will come from Reinhardt; John-Arthur and Grace Campbell will meet with Joe and the architect.
4. The Friends of COA are meeting this Friday at P J s. Pauline will bring in the Wii game and it will hopefully be hooked up this week.

Director's Report: (John-Arthur):

1. John-Arthur is looking to train new Meals on Wheels drivers in January.
2. We received donations of a gingerbread house, an artificial Christmas tree, and a microwave oven from Cathy Orlando. We'll put our wish list into our newsletter.

The next COA meeting will be on Monday, February 8, at 4:30 pm in Dewey Center.