

The Sheffield Council on Aging

Minutes for April 12, 2010

By Dick Magenis

Present: John-Arthur, Lovina, Dick, Mary Ellen, Rosemarie, Carol, Pauline, and Joan

Introduction: The March minutes were accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: (John -Arthur)

1. Monthly expenses are on line.
2. The balance in the revolving account is around \$1,000.
3. \$1,500 sent to the Friends account. Kiwanis donated \$500 to COA & it will be spent in a way acceptable to them.

Programs & Activities (John-Arthur)

1. On April 5, we had bingo here with Claire Teague. A number of Sheffield residents have enjoyed activities with them. They look forward to the Big Band concert & dance. Rebecca Tillinghast, Director, enjoys our renewed relationship & looks forward to our new facility.
2. April 14 Pauline and John-Arthur will be on WSBS "Let's Talk" show re the new senior center & dance this Saturday night, the 17th.
3. Spill the Beans will cater (\$7) our Third Thursday lunch. Jessica Krupski (Wells Fargo reverse mortgages) will explain how they work and Catherine Miller will present photos of "African Sightings". The cost shouldn't deter folks from attending.
4. Gracious Living Day is on the 16th; help is needed for pizza set-up at 11:30 & take- down around 12:30.
5. Barbara will be away for her Germany trip in April & will need help setting up for Third Thursday luncheon.
6. Wii tournaments with Claire Teague; home & away games start mid-May.
7. Paul Edelman is the new veterans rep in GB. We explored the idea of a June presentation of VA benefits for veterans & their spouses. Patriotic sing-along. Millie Gravel on the piano. On May 14, Historical Society program on veterans. Then Memorial Day, last Monday of the month, so perhaps a Vets thing in May. Pauline hopes that some groundbreaking for the new center will have occurred by then. J-A
hopes to invite Anne Hartstein, Secretary of Elderly Affairs to attend.
8. A June picnic is a thought for 3rd Thursday; perhaps in concert with Claire Teague in the town park.
9. Pauline needs help on Saturday at 10 am to move cases of water & flags at Mt E Elementary for dance. Poster/plastic sign will mark the spot. Concert at 7:30 pm.; \$20 or \$25 at the door. Historical Society Spaghetti Dinner will boost dance, that afternoon.
10. Wednesday, April 28, 2-3 pm, listening session w/ Anne Hartstein in Pittsfield, Elder Services Volunteer Recognition Dinner at 7:30 pm at Crowne Plaza.
12. Our volunteer recognition dinner at Egremont is in May, perhaps after our 3rd Th on the 20th. J-A will check for a date in last week of May, during the week. Mostly paid for by our state grant.
13. Claire Teague has a full bus for CIA/Hyde Park trip. About half a dozen Sheffield folks

Friends/New Building: Brief discussion held on its status.

The next COA meeting will be on Monday, May 17, at 4:30 pm in Dewey Center.