

Minutes of the Council on Aging Meeting

11/20/14 at the Senior Center

Present: COA: Kathy Staropoli, David Steindler, Michelle Harwood, Helen Johnston, David Smith Jr, Dorris Van Deusen, Dick Magenis, Carol Sica

Others: John-Arthur Miller, Director and Nadine Hawver, Assistant

Chairman Staropoli called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

The minutes of 10/16/14 and 11/12 14 were presented for review, Motion to accept the minutes was made by Helen Johnston and seconded by Michelle Harwood. The motion passed unanimously.

Expense Report: John-Arthur presented both the COA budget and the State Formula Grant. JA reviewed the Program line giving some detail on the fact that we will need about \$1800 from the \$2500 leaving about \$700 for other program expenses. Motion to approve the expense report was made by Dorris van Deusen, seconded by Dick Magenis – the motion passed unanimously.

Director Report: John-Arthur presented a series of YouTube videos on Aging. His comments reflected his views that the COA has to be a strong influence. The COA is more than just deciding if we will continue to host BINGO.

Chairman Items:

Lower Level: Chairman Staropoli asked for an update on completion of the lower level. Mrs. Hawver said she had received an email from our Town Administrator who received word from Town Council that The Friends could raise funds to complete the downstairs – gift that money to the town with the stipulation that it be used to complete the downstairs. The town would then be required to procure and complete according to the state mandates. Or the Friends could raise the money, complete the project and then gift it to the town. The Friends would then be responsible for the procurement of the labor and materials.

Activities Update: Chairman Staropoli presented activities report.

SBETC Status: Chairman Staropoli presented a survey done in 2012 about transportation needs to use the center. She also presented SBETC's most recent letter announcing its plans to increase Sheffield's Costs by 50% or reduce service to Sheffield by 2/3's. The COA will continue to work with the BOS on procuring our own van and to work with SBETC as needed.

Chairman Staropoli also made the board aware of a complete from one of our neighbors about the parking lot lights being left on all night. The staff will look to a timer or a shield to prevent the light from shining in the neighbor's home.

Friends Report: Presented by Michelle Harwood. The Friends held a Thanksgiving dinner on 11/20 as a fund raiser they had 58 people in attendance and over 20 people helped to prepare the meal, set the tables and do the cleanup.

Mrs. Harwood also asked for permission to borrow a few tables and chairs for the Friends to set up at the Cookie walk. Permission was granted for whatever they need.

Public Comment – Ms Hawver presented a request from Attorney Paula Almgren to do an elder law presentation at the Sheffield library in conjunction with the COA – more info will be obtained.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 18th at 6:30PM

David Steindler made a motion to adjourn at 7:21PM, seconded by David Smith Jr. The vote passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Nadine A Hawver