



**Town of Middlefield
Council on Aging**
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COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING
August 5, 2015

1:30 PM at the Senior Center

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Chair Judy Hoag, Marge Batorski, Judy Artioli, Howard Knickerbocker, Laurie Lafreniere, Priscilla Suriner and Ed Vivier.

Guests: Consortium Outreach Coordinator Phil Burns, Marge Pierre and Pat Jones.

Chair Judy Hoag opened the meeting at 1:30 P.M.

Minutes: July 8 minutes were reviewed. Howard Knickerbocker made a motion to accept the minutes of July 8. Ed Vivier seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer: The Chair made a motion to appoint Laurie Lafreniere as Treasurer. Howard seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kim Baker has resigned as Treasurer and Board Member.

Transportation: According to the Town Administrator, the town's insurance policy does provide liability coverage for drivers working as an agent for the town. FRTA does not provide insurance coverage. New information received indicates that highlighted areas in the contract do not apply to Middlefield. FRTA provided erroneous information to Judy A. They require up to date copies of insurance, inspection, registration and license and has paid Middlefield just under \$400 last year. Budget: The State grant provides \$4,500 and the town appropriation is \$2,500. After expenses, there is a solid \$1,500. Howard made a motion to no longer participate in the FRTA reimbursement program and reimburse mileage out of our operating accounts. The Chair seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Howard will continue CORI checks. Judy A. and Laurie will come up with guidelines for drivers and passengers. A nominal fee will be charged to passengers.

Events: The Cultural Council grant applications are due in December and are granted the first of the year. Debora Ellsworth will be asked to make a presentation of Paint and Sip sessions at the September 2 meeting. Other suggestions included mini golf, movies and visiting the Magic Wings Butterfly museum in Deerfield. Chester's COA: Susan Kucharski suggested that Middlefield use a van that contains 10 people plus the driver and is provided through a grant for social events. This will expire September 30. The Chair made a motion to utilize the van. The Council will pay \$10 per person with the person being responsible for any balance. Howard seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Marge Pierre will investigate pricing for the movies. The Chair will call about the van and mini golf and Laurie will find out about the Magic Wing Butterfly Museum.

Outreach Coordinator: Phil Burns is marketing his position to attract people who may need his assistance. Anyone with concerns about individuals is encouraged to contact Phil.

Bathroom Committee: To fix the immediate problem, bids are needed to cover getting the water feeds out from inside the walls and hung outside 4 to 6 inches off the wall as far off the floor as possible, put in a valve at the bottom of each feed and replace the toilet in the front bathroom. The Chair will contact plumbers for estimates and consult with Dave Dinicola about the outside pipe in need of repair. Howard will meet with the plumbers.

Consortium: Next meeting for the Consortium will be on Friday at 10:30 A.M.

Next Meeting: Next meeting is September 2, 2015 @ 1:30 P.M.

Adjournment: Judy made a motion to adjourn at 3:00 P.M. Howard seconded the motion. All were in favor. 0 opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Lemieux
Recording Secretary

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