



TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD

COUNCIL ON AGING

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Council on Aging Meeting

August 3, 2016

1:40 at the Senior Center

MINUTES

Board Members present: Chair Judith Hoag, Judy Artioli, Marge Batorski and Edward Vivier. Laura Lafreniere (2:00)

Regrets: Lois Leonardo-Bell and Priscilla Suriner

Guests: Patricia Jones, Marge Pierre and Ellen Miller.

Events:

- The Porch Light Fall Prevention program is set up for Sept. 21 at 1:00. It is a 45 minute free service from Porch Light. They will email with other available programs.
- The Veteran's agent will be contacted to see if he will come to let the town know what he can offer.
- Western Mass Food Bank Brown Bag program offers a number of workshops. Since Sept. 21 is already booked, this will be tabled and discussed at the next meeting.
- Judith H spoke with Mary from Western Mass Food Bank. Mary suggested training members of the Board to help people apply for SNAP programs. Huntington Health Center said at their clinic that they would help people. Mary will contact Huntington Health Center and Judith will find out the results.
- Farmer's market coupons. Judith will get the coupons on Friday.
- Western Night Movie: Scott Artioli is interested and evenings are best for him.
- Judith H reminded people of the availability of transportation to see concerts held at Stanley and Amelia Parks.
- Marge P attended an emergency planning session and came away with information to help people get their thoughts and needs organized.
- Book Club: Judy A's goal is to find a book that will be exciting to Marge B. It was agreed to have the reading once a month from one p.m. to two.
- One of the rides in the Merry Go Round is handi-capped accessible. The cost for the ride is \$2.00.
- Some people are more comfortable with afternoon activities and others with mornings on Wednesdays. People should think about the activities discussed and discuss them at the next meeting.
- Cultural Council: \$600 needs to be used by the end of the year.
- The Chair suggested a program by Mary Ann Walsh called 'Energize and Connect through Laughter'. This could be done with the library.

Dump Run Café Schedule:

- Marge Aug 7th, Judy A 21st, Judith H 28th, Sept. 14 will not be held in deference to the Fair. Suzanne and Laura will divvy up Sept 4th and 11th.
- **Minutes:** June 1st minutes were reviewed. Laura made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Ed seconded. Passed unanimously. July 6th minutes were reviewed. Judy A made the motion to accept the minutes. Laurie seconded. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer: The books balanced out by the Treasurer at zero. Discussion on sign account occurred.

Next meeting: September 7th.

Adjournment: Judy A. made the motion to adjourn and Laura seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Lemieux
Recording Secretary

