



TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD

COUNCIL ON AGING

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OCTOBER 15, 2016

1:30 at the Senior Center

MINUTES

Members present: Chair Judith Hoag, Judy Artioli, Lois Leonardo Bell, Marge Batorski, Laura Lafreniere and Ed Vivier

Regrets: Priscilla Suriner

Guests: Pat Jones, Marge Pierre and Michelle Kenney

Ed made a motion to begin the meeting at 1:40. Judy Artioli seconded. All were in favor.

CORI: The Chair passed out CORI forms that need to be filled in and returned.

Minutes: September 7th minutes were reviewed. Ed made a motion to accept the minutes. Marge B seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Laura Lafreniere was absent for vote. She arrived shortly after.

Treasurer Report: Salary, mileage for luncheon and brown bag delivery were expended as well as money that was allocated for the thermal curtains.

Scheduled Activities:

Medicare One on One: October 26th Outreach worker Phil Burns and associate John Bergeron will provide guidance for the seniors at 10:00.

Flu Clinic Oct. 19 10-12

Middlefield Days: Oct. 15th Videos will run featuring interviews with Ellen Miller and Priscilla Suriner. Dump Run Café sign will hang outside. Marge P. will start the coffee in the morning.

Ice Cream Social: 1:30 Discussion on ingredients ensued. Marge P. and Suzanne will dish out the ice cream.

Dump Run Cafe: Schedule: Suzanne -- 9th, Judith H-- 16th, Laurie -- 23rd, Marge P, the 30th and Judy A - 11/05

Cultural Council: \$600 grant. Amount could be less depending on CC's budget. Sleigh rides in Williamstown were suggested as a cultural event, if approved. Costs are \$18 per person or \$150 for 12 people. Rides are available 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00. Judy A. will ask about handicap accessibility and the Chair will check on qualifications for a cultural event.

Veteran's Day: Discussion on celebrating Veterans' Day ensued. Veterans will be invited to join the seniors on Nov. 9 to share the lunch at no cost. A cake can be included.

Town Web Site and Facebook Page: Ed posts the meals on the Council on Aging web site and will post events. He will also start a Facebook page.

Senior Center Sign: The sign will be placed on the front window. Artist Judy A. passed around several sketches. Discussion ensued. Most important visual will be SENIOR CENTER. Judy will be bringing in the pre-finished product before the marine varnish is applied. Everyone will have a chance to suggest additions or subtractions at that point. There was a general consensus for patterned curtains and flower pots.

Future Activities: Need to think about Emergency Preparedness and Food Bank Workshop. Marge P. has been introducing 'preparation' each week at the senior center, by focusing on things to have on hand.

Computer Talk: Director of SHAEC Michelle Kenney would like to start up a program called 'Computers for seniors'. Michelle is waiting to hear about funding through a grant. Huntington is paying \$20 an hour for computer instruction.

Next meeting: November 2

Adjournment: Lois made a motion to adjourn at 2:40. Laurie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary