



TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD
COUNCIL ON AGING
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April 03, 2019
Senior Center
Minutes

Members present: Chair Judith Hoag, Treasurer Laura Lafreniere, Sharon Barry, Crystal Main, Noreen Suriner.

Director: Lois Leonardo Bell

Regrets: Marilyn Miller

Guests: Russell Board Member Heather Morgan, Patricia Jones and Janet Rock.

Meeting came to order at 1:45

Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve 2019-03-06 minutes w/edits. Motion passed.

Door Locks: Locks have been secured and will be installed.

Director's report: Foot Clinic: 19 reservations were submitted. A minimum of 10, no more than 13 is required. Serena will be consulted. Budget will be reviewed for an additional day.

Budget: The Town Accountant will be asked where funds are being withdrawn from.

Golden cane award: Discussed holding award ceremony at the Annual Town Meeting. Chuck Winn will be consulted.

Food Pantry: Shelving has been completed. More food will be forthcoming from Chester's brown bag program. Congregational Minister Susan Borsello will be consulted.

After discussion, pantry name "**Senior Center Give and Take**" was agreed on.

Sharon, Volunteer for Pioneer Valley Food Pantry, stated that permits were not required if unless government funded. Action items: A time schedule for food pantry; researching fonts for the sign, open signs and pole and bracket costs.

Welcome Packets: Jeanne LeClair will be invited to senior lunch on the 17th for discussion.

Photos: Discussion of organization of photo albums will be done at the next meeting.

Russell: Heather Morgan, Russell COA board member, spoke to Emmett Schmarsow, of Elder Services, about the benefits of consolidating. Being awarded a SIG grant could be used to fund an outreach worker, cover newsletter and administrative costs, etc. Working together would consolidate skills for many projects. Bylaws may be required. Discussion on how both towns' treasury accounts are handled ensued. Middlefield board members will discuss the possible merger.

Magic Wings: 12 people signed up. Costs include \$15 hourly rate for bus driver and gas. Funding will be covered by a Cultural Council grant. Chester will be asked for an invoice.

Town Meeting Warrant: Additions requested: Discussed water softening system and new table and chairs. It was agreed to live with current water quality as we purchase bottled water for drinking. Several donors requested to cover the costs of new chairs. Questions will be fielded by Lois and Laurie at town meeting. Extra hour request was accepted.

Dump Run Café: Judy is hosting April 7, Lois the 14th, Laurie the 28th, and Suzanne the 5th.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.

Next meeting: 2019-05-01

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne C. Lemieux

