



TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD
COUNCIL ON AGING
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Senior Center
Minutes

Members present: Chair Judith Hoag, Sharon Barry, Noreen Suriner, Crystal Main, Laurie Lafreniere and Priscilla Suriner.

Administrative Staff: Director Lois Leonardo-Bell

Guest: Pat Jones

Meeting opened at 1:30

Minutes: 2017-12-05 & 2018-01-02 minutes were reviewed. Motion was made and seconded to approve as is. Both passed unanimously.

Board appointees: People have been approached and haven't shown an interest. Tim Parker will think about it.

Director's report:

- Lois reported that Russell, Tolland and Granville's COAs have voted themselves out of the Consortium, effective June 30, 2018. Geographically, it makes no sense for Tolland and Granville and Russell does not feel it's in their best interest to stay.
- Mass Executive Offices of Elder Affairs has cut the SIG grant in half because the Consortium has not spent the grant fast enough and would like the Consortium to disband and join the Northern Hilltowns. The Consortium is working on showing incentive to be able to qualify for next year's grant and remain a viable unit. They voted to change their name to Southern Hilltowns Senior Collaborative and appointed Sue Kucharski as interim Director and Outreach Worker. Sue will look into renting new office space in Chester.
- CORI checks are done. Sharon's next on the agenda.
- Motion picture license fees are approximately \$114.67 annually. A poll will be taken at lunch next week to find the best time to show the movie. Lois will get the details on paying the fees.

Food Pantry:

- Discussion ensued on establishing a food pantry/brown bag pick-up site in the entry way of the senior center. Judith has checked on the locks for protection. A closed cabinet could be utilized. The Chester Hill Church currently uses a give and take box. The origin of the miniature house in the entry way was discussed as well as its possible relocation to the fairgrounds.

Dump Run Café:

- Suzanne will host the 11, Lois 18th, Laurie 25th and Easter will be closed. After discussion to reduce the hours, it was agreed to be open from 10:00am to noon effective immediately.

Budget:

- The budget request will be level-funded this year. The original town budget was \$5,800 with a balance left of \$4,042.72. State budget is \$5,000.
- The Director's Laptop was delivered. The Laptop cost \$280, Microsoft office \$130 and 3 flash drives at \$18.00 apiece. Discussion on security protection.
- Noreen will research costs of replacing the TV and bring some options back.
- Next month, ideas of activities would be welcomed.
- A printer is needed for photos and could be purchased at staples.
- A roll of stamps will be purchased for birthday cards for seniors.

Adjournment: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 2:45. Motion passed unanimously.
Respectfully submitted, Suzanne C. Lemieux

