

COUNCIL on AGING MEETING
November 13, 2007

ATTENDANCE: Becky Moriarty, Pat Clark, Virginia Schneider, Shirley Gouvan, Rita Vail, Karen Ledger, John Shay, Brian MacLeod, Al Ouimet and Deanna Vermette
Guest: Bill Olmstead

Brian called the meeting to order @ 8:30

Minutes of previous meeting accepted.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Accepted as read by Becky

TREASURERS REPORT: Reviewed and accepted

NEW BUSINESS:

A vote was taken, as to the acceptance of a donated sculpture for the grounds of the Senior Center. It was unanimously voted to decline the donation of the sculpture.

Shirley Gouvan and Karen Ledger attended the COA Board Training held at the Ludlow Senior Center. They found it very informative and passed on many suggestions.

Karen, suggested that we send a sympathy card to Lois Pixley and include two free lunch tickets. The board agreed that this would be a nice thing to carry on in the future for recent widows and widowers.

Bobbi Grant has suggested that we try having a luncheon on Jan 12, 2008 with entertainment. This activity would be sponsored by The Friends. A discussion on the matter ended with a decision that The Friends would decide if it is feasible.

Rita showed the board an informative booklet she brought back from the COA in MN. This booklet contains important resource information for seniors and one we may want to print for our Senior Center members.

The Secretary of Elder Affairs will be speaking at the Ludlow Senior Center on December 6, 2007. Becky is going to obtain more information, as many of the board members showed a desire to attend.

Shirely shared information pertaining to veterans on a little known benefit called "Aid and Attendance". She suggested that Veterans Representative, Bob Mathison, come to Hampden and explain more about this benefit.

Pat announced that Mary Malinski is resigning from the COA Board. We will now be looking for an under 60 year old board member.

Old/new business: the new generator should be delivered in approximately 16 weeks. It should be operational in April 2008.

Our guest, Bill Olmstead, asked if information on the rental of the Senior Center could be printed in the Scribe. A discussion was held on the pros and cons of this action.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY December 11, 2007
Respectfully submitted:
Deanna Vermette, Secretary
Hampden Senior Center