

COUNCIL on AGING MEETING  
July 8, 2008

ATTENDANCE: Becky Moriarty, Virginia Schneider, Shirley Gouvan, Rita Vail, Kathy Foster, John Shay, Brian MacLeod, Pat Clark, Al Ouimet and Deanna Vermette

VISITOR: Bill Olmstead

Brian called the meeting to order @ 8:35

Minutes of previous meeting accepted.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Accepted as read by Becky Bobbi Grant, Activities Coordinator has given her notice and Becky will post the job in the local newspapers. Becky hopes to have someone new starting in September.

TREASURERS REPORT: Reviewed and accepted after Rita questioned why there was a balance left in the Directors salary. Becky is going to look into this.

OLD BUSINESS: The nominating committee has selected the nominees for the offices of the COA for 2008-2009. They are as follows: Brian MacCloud, Chairman; Pat Clark, Vice Chairman; Al Ouimet, Treasurer; Deanna Vermette, Secretary. It was decided that voting by the board would be done at the September meeting.

A discussion was held on the Selectman's meeting. As a result of the meeting, our bi-laws are going to be "looked over". The committee, Pat, Kathy, Becky and Vinnie, will make recommendations to the board at our meeting in September.

Becky contacted Dana Pixley and he felt that planting trees anywhere in the parking lot would be asking for trouble. The root system of the trees would destroy the hard top.

The idea of a "Food Pantry" was discussed and it was decided that it would not be feasible. Deanna mentioned that anyone who came to use the center as a "cooling center" should bring food to tide them over till they returned home.

Karen Ledger by proxy asked if residents of The Commons could be picked up when the "cooling center" was opened. Becky explained that anyone in town would be picked up. Residents of The Commons would have to call and give their apartment number.

Kathy brought us up to date on the future intergeneration music group. John Foster working with the Hampden Cultural Council and Thornton Burgess School and the music group will be getting off the ground with the help of volunteers. Kathy asked to get the word out to anyone who would like to volunteer.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Big H will be held on 9/20/08 and the center will be represented.

The Friends will pass out pens, information relating to seniors will be available and possibly one of our police officers will be there to explain about the lock boxes. Volunteers will be needed to man the table.

Deanna mentioned that a town resident under the age of 50 didn't know if she would be "allowed" to use the center. Becky is going to make a note in The Scribe that activities at the center in most instances are open to all adults.

Becky asked, as requested by the selectman, if anyone on the board would like to resign. If anyone would like to, please let Becky know.

Bill Olmstead said he understands that we do not have people interested in a position of the COA when it is made available. Bill would like to make it know that he is interested in serving on the board.

It was decided that we would not meet in August.

NEXT MEETING                      TUESDAY September 8, 2008

Respectfully submitted:  
Deanna Vermette, Secretary  
Council on Aging Hampden Senior Center