

COUNCIL on AGING MEETING
January 13, 2009

ATTENDANCE: Becky Moriarty, Deanna Vermette, John Shay, Al Ouimet, Brian MacLeod, Shirley Gouvan, Virginia Schneider, Patricia Clark
ABSENT: Rita Vail, Kathy Foster, Karen Leger
GUEST: Bill Olmstead

Pat called the meeting to order @8:35
Minutes of previous meeting accepted

DIRECTORS REPORT: Accepted as read by Becky
TREASUERS REPORT: Accepted

OLD BUSINESS:

Marketing Committee; Bill has been actively obtaining marketing ideas from the local newspaper editors. He will be meeting with his committee to go over the committee's next move. Bill is interested in writing a story about the local billiards team (Traveling Billiards) that plays here in Hampden.

Pat will be meeting with the Friends to continue plans for a craft show in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

Becky and all town department heads had another budget meeting with the selectmen. The budget figures for the salaries' for FY 2009 may be frozen and the salaries for FY 2010 may be reduced by 5% and worst case 10%, if the Commonwealth reduces the monies to towns.

Becky passed out information showing the staff salaries and the implications of the salary cuts.

A discussion followed as to how volunteers could help the staff if hours are cut.

Shirley asked if printing the Scribe every two months would be feasible. Becky said no, because the GSS plans their menus for one month.

Pat has put together a COA calendar to keep us on track of up coming elections for officers. She reminded everyone that at the February meeting we must elect a nominating committee for 2010 officers.

NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 10, 2009

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