

COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING: Minutes

June 8, 2010

In attendance: Pat Clark , RitaVail, Karen Leger, John Shay, Ray Crowley, Kathy Foster

Absent: Virginia Schneider (e), Brian MacLeod (e), Al Ouimet (e), Deanna Vermette (e)

Guests: Bill Olmstead and Marq Culhane

Pat Clark called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

Secretary's report of May 11, 2010 was accepted as written.

Treasurer's report was accepted. The Advisory Board has not yet approved the \$3,000 transfer into Utilities. Becky believes activity on this will occur in this last month of the fiscal year.

Director's report was accepted as presented.

Old Business:

Regarding meeting our goals:

1. There have been articles in the papers as to activities at the Center, but no pictures have been evident.
2. For fire evacuation, escape routes have been posted. One of the police officers will come and give training in CPR and the defibrillation machine.
3. For long term goals, we succeeded in getting a budget to increase operating hours by 4 hours per week.
4. MCOA: our board members are to receive training. Maybe a session could be scheduled in Hampden.

New Business:

Election of officers: Ray Crowley, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, presented the following names for officers for the coming year:

Brian MacLeod, Chair Pat Clark, Vice Chair

Rita Vail, Secretary All Ouimet, Treasurer

The Board voted in favor of the above officers.

There was discussion as to whether the Senior Center should be open the extra 4 hours, 10AM to 3PM, that have been budgeted, or keep limited hours and have some evening activity to try to attract new participants. After discussion a motion was made, seconded and passed, that new hours for the Senior Center to be open will be 10AM to 3PM week days beginning July 1st. The reasoning is that we have set a goal to open more hours and requested funding based on that premise. We still will try to open occasionally in the evening for activities.

Having completed the COA agenda, Bill Olmstead was asked by the Chair for his comments. He challenged the validity of the electoral process of the COA board members, he noted that the \$3000 transfer for utilities should come from the Reserve Fund rather than have a transfer within line items, he said the COA has no sensible, logical budgeting process, and that the COA should establish a Financial Committee, and finally he stated that the 4 extra hours that the Senior Center will be open should have something to fill them.

Marq Culhane asked if it was possible, when activities are offered, to charge a little more, and have some of the money pay the presenter and a bit of the money go to the COA. The Revolving Account does allow for this situation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Vail, Secretary