

COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING: Minutes

October 12, 2010

In attendance: Brian MacLeod, Pat Clark , RitaVail, John Shay, Ray Crowley, Kathy Foster, Al Ouimet, Deanna Vermette, Karen Leger, Becky Moriarty, Marq Culhane

Absent: Virginia Schneider (e)

Guest: Bill Olmstead, Rick Green, Chrissy Cesan

Brian called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

Secretary's report of September 14, 2010 was accepted.

Treasurer's report was accepted.

Director's report was accepted.

New Business:

Chrissy Cesan presented an idea for an intergenerational program at the Senior Center targeted for the last week end in March, 2011. Entitled "Showtime", it would be a presentation of musical performances from various Broadway musicals. The groups organizing the event are the Friends of Hampden Seniors and the Hampden Lions Club. She asked for the COA board's support in this endeavor and for an ok to use the Senior Center, not only for the performances but also for rehearsals leading up to the event. Chrissy explained that it will be a fundraiser and that half the money will go to the Lions and half to the Friends of the Seniors. Per Rick Ruben, president of the Lions, their half of the profits will be used for a musical instrument at Minnechaug. The Friends half of the profits will be used for the restoration of the veterans' monument in the center of Hampden.

Concerns arose that utility costs will be greater because the building will be open longer hours. Rick Green stated that he believed it was a valid reason, an unforeseen cost that might allow a transfer into the Utilites line item if the money ran out. Rick also suggested close supervision of everyone in the building during the times of rehearsal and performance.

A motion was made and seconded: that the COA board gives full support and cooperation for the performance called "Showtime", the purpose being to encourage an intergenerational program at the Hampden Senior Center. The motion passed unanimously.

Deanna Vermette has attended her first meeting as Representative to the Advisory Committee for GSSSI. She said they have more openings for general positions if any of us is interested.

Deanna Vermette asked for a representative of the Fire Department to speak on fire prevention in the month designated as Fire Prevention Month. Becky agreed to arrange this.

Bryan announced that the board would go into executive session for the purpose of reviewing the COA Director's evaluation.

Leaving executive session, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Vail, Secretary

EXECUTIVE SESSION: OCTOBER 12, 2010