

COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING: Minutes

June 14, 2011

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

Absent: Karen Leger (e)

Guests: Rick Green, Bill Olmsted, Bobbi Grant

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

Secretary's report of May 10, 2011 was accepted but will be re-voted at next meeting.

Treasurer's report was accepted and will be re-voted at next meeting.

Director's report was given verbally by Becky. Lesley Mullaney is the new Activities Coordinator and Doreen Rauch is the new clerk. The picnic on Friday was well attended. The next SCRIBE will list the sponsors and donors. Becky is still planning a health clinic on Oct. 22nd and will need volunteers.

Joyce Turgeon came in to be interviewed for an under age 60 position of the COA board. She was very well received but no vote was taken and will be voted next meeting.

Becky gave statistics for Senior Center attendance for 2009-2010 and for 2010-2011. By comparison, attendance has dropped significantly for the most recent year. The reason is hard to say. There are approximately 950 seniors in Hampden.

A "File of Life" day is up-coming. There is a list of people who need help in case of emergency evacuation, etc., and that list will be given to the Emergency Management team lead by the Selectmen.

Pat submitted COA Short Term and Long Term Goals for Fiscal Year 2011-1012. These will be voted at the next meeting.

Marq commented that the Senior Center gardens are in dire need of attention. Becky says this is in the process of getting completed.

John reported that GSSSI, with Baystate Medical, is trying to get a grant (for a Containment Program) to help people so that readmission to hospital stays is lessened.

Rick Green reported:

1. The Utility Report is back. They will get the information to us.
2. During the tornado time and power outage, lunch at the Senior Center continued and there was a pasta supper here as well. This possible because of our generator.
3. June 9th, Senior Center opened at 11:30 PM to evacuate people on Allen St. due to a gas leak. This lasted about one hour.

Marq asked that these activities be recorded with the site usage for state reporting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rita Vail, Secretary