

COUNCIL ON AGING Meeting March 16, 2018

Present: Gina & Frank Froment, Tony Stavely, Ted Thornton, Randy Foster, Carol Pike, Gwen Trelle, Bill McGee, Linda Hescok, Heather Tower

Absent: Sue McGowan

The meeting was called to order by chair Gwen Trelle at 9:06 a.m. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the February minutes be accepted as presented.

Director's Report:

Financial: The table for the director's office for which we allocated funds at the Feb meeting arrived, will be most useful, and make office space more accessible for all who use it. Material for hallway curtains has been purchased and Jeanette and Heather will have them ready to hang before the next meeting. This will create a welcoming atmosphere when you walk in the back door.

Van ridership: Van numbers are down partly due to the elimination of the weekly shopping trips and quite possibly funding problems. A discussion of funding in relation to the Northfield Senior Center's need to have the van available followed. Heather had a meeting with Dianne Cornwall, from the Bernardston COA, who is the contract holder of the van. Diane suggested to Heather there might be more funding available to last until the end of the fiscal year. In general, Northfield ridership is not as robust as it could be.

Activities: All programs appear to be going strong. The web site, NextDoor is a great way to let the community know what is going on in the Senior Center, as well as timely information on many other subjects pertinent to seniors as well as others. Our annual Volunteer Luncheon is being planned for mid- June with the help of the Membership Committee. Randy will work on planning a trip to the Keene Wambats this summer and Bill will plan a trip to the new casino when it opens. Linda will look into other possible places for future senior trips and report back to the board.

Northfield Neighbors at Home: Bill and Tony have done an enormous amount of work organizing and promoting this movement. The informational listening sessions have been well attended and the Recorder has written favorable news articles about the project. Within 3 months they hope to be able to supplement the FRTA van for transportation needs.

ICE Book Project: There will be two workshops, one at night and one during the day, to create ICE notebooks for seniors who are interested. April is targeted to launch this project. This will aid the families with the necessary information to help their parents or loved ones.

Membership: Two names have been passed along to the Nominating committee as potential new members.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08.

Respectfully Submitted, Linda Hescok

Linda Hescok
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