

COUNCIL ON AGING MINUTES

Jan 19, 2018

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

The meeting was called to order by chairperson Gwen Trelle at 9:07 A.M.

Minutes: Frank made a motion which Gina seconded that the Dec. 2017 minutes be accepted as presented. Motion Passed.

Director's Report:

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Activities: The Foot clinic continues to have strong numbers as do our exercise programs. Our card groups are regular as well. The holiday programs were well attended and all had fun. We had the largest group yet for the center piece making and our halls were joyfully decorated by several volunteers who enjoyed a great meal afterwards. Our Thursday Café has a small but dedicated following and the Poet Seat luncheon is a highlight. Van ridership was down slightly during the holiday season.

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Retreat: The retreat will be held in the Lounge of the TCC on Jan 27, 2018 from 9-noon to make long range plans for the Northfield COA. Literature in

preparation for event was distributed to provide information to be thought about as we look to the next five (5) years. Randy and his volunteers planned break snacks and Ted took on the job of being our scribe, with plans to email the notes taken at the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54.

Respectfully Submitted, Linda Hescock

Linda Hescock 9/16/18

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