Town of Wales

Council on Aging

Date: 10 JAN 2019 Time: 2:00 PM

Place: Wales Senior Center

Agenda:

Call to Order at 2:00 PM by Pepper Wheeler, Chair

In Attendance:

Patricia (Pepper) Wheeler, Chair

Robert Herbert, Vice Chair

Joyce Pickering, Recorder

Gina Roy, former Director of Senior Center

Brian Hartling, new member, Van Driver

Cheri Fisher- Interim Director Senior Center

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the 06 Dec 2018 meeting were distributed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Joyce Pickering, seconded by Robert Herbert and approved by voice vote.

Old Business:

Review of Senior Center activities.

Gina Roy reviewed the activities for the Christmas craft Day decorations. The crafting materials were brought in to Senior Center and set up for people to make the decorations after lunch. However, one person wanted to stay and make the decorations and 9 people took the crafting materials home. The decorations were finished and ready for the Xmas dinner.

7- 8 people consistently show up for exercise class.

Two different trips were made to Bright Lights. One trip for Wales Senior center- 6 signed up and 4 went. The second trip was done for Sturbridge Seniors and they filled the Van. Several people had to be turned away

Cheri said that she will set up a Facebook Page for the Wales Senior Center. She will be Administrator. Rob Herbert will also assist.

Cheri discussed the possibility of getting assistance from the Wales Scouting programs. They could help put up a kiosk or sign to advertise Senior Center activities, menus, etc on Route 19.

Discussed the idea of charging for Van usage, particularly for people who use it to come back and forth to lunch or exercise class. A $1 round trip charge was discussed. This would have to be approved by the Wales BOS.

Brian mentioned that some people wanted meal delivery. Pepper pointed out that this was not possible without proper equipment and training. Brian also mentioned that he has had some no shows. He drove to the house and no one was there. Brian should let Senior Center director know if they are not there and she will follow up with the person to determine the reason.

Pepper asked if Brian could look at cleaning and painting the bottom step on the Van. The supplies have already been purchased.

Community Block Grant – Rob and Jean will look into the Tri-Town Block Grant that is being solicited at the current time.

New business :

Upcoming Events for Senior Center:

A painting class is planned for Feb.

The Pitch League and the Cribbage League are both returning for this year.

A Blue Cross/Blue Shield presentation on Medicare is being scheduled.

Breakfast has been doing well, 22 people showed up for Jan Breakfast. It is being served from 8- 10 AM.

The Quarterly financial statement was reviewed.

The idea of getting a generator for the Senior Center was discussed. It would have to go thru the BOS. The council thought it would be a good idea for the Senior Center to have back up power.

The internet still needs to be updated for the Senior Center. Gina notified the appropriate people at Town Hall but no response has been received. A secure, password protected, Wi-Fi network is required.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM