

Town of Wales  
Council on Aging

Date: 06 Jun 2019

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Wales Senior Center

Agenda:

Call to Order at 1:00 PM by Pepper Wheeler, Chair

In Attendance:

Patricia (Pepper) Wheeler, Chair

Robert Herbert, Vice Chair

Jean Herbert, Secretary

Joyce Pickering, Member

Brian Hartling, Member

Cheri Fisher, Interim Senior Center Director

Guests: Nancy Groom, Anna Botelho and Ann Chrabaszcz

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the May 09, 2019 meeting were distributed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Rob, seconded by Jean and approved by voice vote.

Old Business:

- a) Review of May Senior Center Activities – Massage and Foot care clinic were both well attended. A book club meeting and crochet class were held for the first time. Regular activities including lunches, bingo, and exercise class were held. Lunch attendance increased recently with a high of 50 lunches served/delivered. The Town has continued to utilize the Senior Center building for some town committee and public meetings. Tammy Casavant, a singer, performed at lunch and many people thought she should be invited to perform again. She is funded by the Wales cultural council.

- b) A motion from last meeting to send a letter to the BOS and Police Chief regarding missing items from 2 years ago was withdrawn.
- c) Van Usage/Maintenance – The van snow tires were removed. Brian arranged to have the running board/steps cleaned and painted. An oil change was performed. There is an open recall on the Van which will be performed by the dealership once an appointment is made. Mud flaps will have to be purchased next fiscal year. The Van account is out of funds for this year.
- d) Internet and Wi-Fi Update – The BOS and Town has not selected a provider for IT support, so all updates are on hold. The Cable TV was hooked up and was functional, but then stopped working. Cheri will call Town hall to have them fix the problem.
- e) Kitchen Dishwasher – Cheri has prepared all information for a presentation to the BOS to fund a new dishwasher, including installation. Funding of \$2200 from the BOS, with the remaining funds coming from the Senior Center's formula grant and expense account will pay for the dishwasher purchase and installation.
- f) Back door railing - The plan to place a railing near the back entrance was not pursued. Instead, a planter will be fabricated by Rob and Jean and placed in the back entrance area that does not have a ramp. A motion was proposed by Joyce, seconded by Brian and approved by a voice vote.

#### New Business:

- a) Upcoming Events for the Senior Center – The usual scheduled events of lunches, Bingo, shopping, exercise will continue. Cheri will be installing two white boards on the wall where she will post a large calendar of upcoming events and special activities. There is a storyteller scheduled for a June lunch. A beginner knitting class is also scheduled. The EASE presentation date on “Scams against the Elderly” may be changed and opened-up to other Senior Center from nearby towns. Nancy Groom volunteered to post the upcoming event calendar at the Wales Post Office. A Norcross field trip is scheduled for July, as well a beginner woodburning class. Cheri is talking with GSSSI (Greater Springfield Senior Services Inc.) about having a Nutritionist available at Wales for consultation.
- b) Discuss Financial/Budget Issues – Tabled this discussion until next meeting, after Cheri has meeting with BOS and Town officials.

- c) Discuss any Issues at the Senior Center – None discussed
- d) Boy Scouts/Others to Work on Senior Center Projects – Various projects were discussed, including addressing the parking lot drainage issue and creating a green house or garden. It would be nice to do joint Senior/Boy Scout projects.
- e) Pepper brought up the fact that COA members need to be reappointed to their positions. Joyce made a motion that current appointments continue for next year. Motion was seconded by Jean and approved by voice vote. This recommendation will be sent to BOS for approval at their June meeting.
- f) The Senior Center will not be serving hot lunches during the July 4-11 timeframe, but the Senior Center will be open, except for July 4th. Cheri Elaine, and Linda will be attending an informational Dementia class next month. The requirements for the GSSSI grant include better record keeping of numbers of users and proof of services. Cheri will be sending a survey with new applicants to comply with this requirement. A letter was sent out requesting donations from local businesses to help fund mailing the newsletter. Cheri has completed her paperwork to become a Notary and submitted it.
- g) Next meeting will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July, since the first Thursday is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and the Senior Center will be closed that day.
- h) Ann Chrabascz brought up the idea of applying for a mini grant from Fallon Health. Cheri will be looking at this funding opportunity and considering several ideas for the application. Ann also brought up the idea to have an Open House for the Senior Center.

Motion to adjourn made by Rob, seconded by Joyce and the meeting adjourned at 2:04 PM.