

Town of Wales
Council on Aging

Date: 07 Mar 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

Cheri Fisher- Interim Director Senior Center

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the 07 Feb 2019 meeting were distributed.

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Joyce Pickering, seconded by Jean Herbert and approved by voice vote.

Old Business:

- a) Review of Senior Center February Activities – Lunch attendance continues to be good. The February breakfast was well received. Regular activities such as exercise and Bingo have occurred.
- b) Update from Board of Selectman Meeting
 - a. Internet/Cable Access - The W-Fi still needs to be updated for the Senior Center by Tantasqua and Cheri can make that appointment. BOS approved Cheri to be the point of contact with the cable company. The Senior Center is already paying for this service, but the connection needs to be updated.
 - b. Charge for Van Usage – BOS does not want to charge for Van usage to and from the Senior Center.

- c. CORI Checks – Brian’s CORI check has been completed and he has been added to the insurance as a driver for the Senior Center. Cheri still has to complete her CORI Check.
- d. Notary – BOS agreed that Cheri should become a notary at the Senior Center.
- c) Van Usage/Maintenance Items – Brian would like mud flaps to be installed on the van to help preserve the steps. Rust on the steps has been an issue.
- d) Grants/Programs to Assist Seniors – The Federal funded grant for the outreach program has specific requirements for reporting service units. Cheri met with the coordinator and will be implementing a service unit tracker that is in line with program requirements. We have been under-reporting service units which could jeopardize current and future funding, so this new reporting system is important. A 7-year record must be maintained. Another requirement for the grant is having an emergency plan. Pepper has a copy of a previous, approved emergency plan.
- e) Back Door Railing Installation – Cheri met with the Building Inspector and received approval to install two railings at the same height as the adjacent walkway railings. Rob and Jean will try to find suitable flanges to attach the railings to the existing round columns.

New Business:

- a) Upcoming Events for the Senior Center – Tuesday and Thursday lunch menus are advertised in the Newsletter. On March 13th, a Medicare seminar is planned. A corned beef and cabbage lunch will be served on the 14th. On April 11th, 1:00-2:00, Tommy Rull, will be performing a musical journey through the years. A potential program on avoiding Senior Scam was discussed. Pepper and Joyce attended a Murder Mystery Dinner at the Holland Senior Center. Perhaps an event such as this one, could be added to the Wales calendar in the future.
- b) Discuss Financial/Budget Issues – Cheri went to Town Hall to obtain information regarding the various line items in the budget for the Senior Center. She will continue to work with Town Hall to make sure that all funds allotted for the Senior Center are identified.

- c) Senior Center Kitchen, Needed Upgrades – The Senior Center needs a new dishwasher. All dishes must be washed before putting them into a sanitizer which is laborious. Jean will be checking with her niece, in regards to dishwasher options, both new and used.
- d) Discuss any Issues at the Senior Center – There have been no security issues at the Senior Center. Cheri stated that she needs to know where money collected for activities in the Senior Center are deposited, so they can be used for Senior Center needs. A piano was loaned to an individual who has a written agreement with the Senior Center that shows that the Senior Center still has ownership of the piano. This agreement is in the office. Elaine will be filling in for Cheri while she is on vacation 1-12 April. Jack will be driving for Brian the last week of March while he is gone.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM