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Town of Wales Council on Aging

Date: 11 Jul 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, Senior Center Director

Guests: Nancy Groom, Anna Botelho

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the Jun 06, 2019 meeting were distributed.

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

Old Business:

- a) Review of June Senior Center Activities – The scheduled knitting class was cancelled, and Bingo had low attendance this month. Three participants were present for the planning class. The painting class was also cancelled. Woodburning class has several people signed up for next

- class, so it will be held. Cheri is trying to keep the price at \$6 or less, for arts and craft activities.
- b) Van Usage/Maintenance – Brian took the van to the dealership for a recall and the work was performed.
 - c) Internet and Wi-Fi Update – The BOS still has not made a decision on who will be providing IT support for the Town of Wales. The cable was out for a few days, but it is working as of now. The COA recommends that the BOS should go with the new providers and not use Tantasqua.
 - d) Kitchen Dishwasher – The dishwasher has been installed and is working. Thanks to Cheri for getting it done before the end of the fiscal year.
 - e) Discussion of Senior Center projects – No action was taken due to end of fiscal year closing.
 - f) Pepper issued a reminder that visitors to the COA meetings do not have a vote and can not make motions or second a motion. The COA does however welcome their input to the discussions of the COA. Additionally, no member of the COA can represent the COA unless it has been approved by the COA.
 - g) Back door railing – A planter has been installed and some flowers planted. The planter was built and installed by Jean and Rob Herbert.

New Business:

- a) Upcoming Events for the Senior Center – The usual activities are all scheduled. Additional events include a Norcross trip, woodburning class and Book Club. Cheri is still working on how to increase participation in events as well as come up with new activities. Cheri has met with Brimfield Senior Center Director.
- b) A discussion of field trips included the Big E as well as looking to combine with other Senior Centers in the area in order to get more participation. In order to run a big bus, at least 40 people are needed to participate. Jean suggested that a survey be sent out asking where Seniors would like to go and how much they would be willing to spend.
- c) Discuss Financial/Budget Issues – Cheri said that her books show that we did not have any problems this year. The first major expense for the year is to pay \$700 for the Software program “My Senior Center”. This program allows her to track activities and participation at events. She did

- find that the 2019 budget did not include monies for the increase in minimum wage that occurred on Jan 1, 2019. She was able to cover the deficit with some funds from other areas. Cheri also noticed that this deficit was not addressed in the 2020 budget and will be worse because there is another increase in the minimum wage taking place on Jan 1, 2020. Cheri will be meeting with BOS and Town officials.
- d) Discuss any Issues at the Senior Center – Two local businesses are now sponsoring the COA newsletter. Thanks to Pearson's Towing and Collision Repair and Inland Docks for their support. The cross referencing of the people receiving the COA newsletter and the town's list of Wales seniors is still ongoing.
 - e) Jean asked if there has been any work done on the local towns working together to try and get grants rather than competing against each other. Cheri says that this is an area that she would like to work on but needs help. She thought that Wales should try and become an Age Friendly Community. The Town's Compact needs to be redone in December.

Motion to adjourn made by Pepper, seconded by Brian and the meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.