

The Sheffield Council on Aging Minutes for June 14, 2010

By Dick Magenis

Present: John-Arthur Miller, Lovina Gulotta, Dick Magenis, Natalie Funk, Anne Hyatt, Dawn Massini, Pauline Schumann, Mary Ellen Deming, and Grace Campbell

May 17 minutes were accepted unanimously; noted that Dave Macy's retirement dinner was changed to June 24.

Treasurer's Report:

1. The balance of the state grant funds will be spent on the newsletter.
4. \$642.17 is our balance in the revolving checking account.

Director's Report

1. The expenses over \$500 for the volunteer dinner were paid out of programs in COA budget. A total of some \$11,000 was paid out of the COA & the formula grant budgets to the SBETC, which is looking at offering trips to Pittsfield. It is a big portion of our budget, but some 25 Sheffield folks have used it in the past year. Sally Cook is a fan; their drivers are friendly! John-Arthur will present more details on the SBETC at our next meeting.
2. Some monies will be used to rent a storage space at Store-It-All for 6 months for the materials donated to the new Senior Center.
3. Barbara will be away from 26 June to 2 July. Office help is needed: 6/18 (10-2:30), 6/25 (9-2:30), and 7/2 (9-2:30). J-A will be away August 18-27.

Programs & Activities

1. This Thursday is our picnic at noon in the town park, with the surrounding towns invited. Claire Teague has 12 folks coming, bringing bocce and croquet.
2. July and August 3rd Thursdays - at the Cobble or library?
3. Friday café is being run by Natasha Lorick as a service project from 10am - 1pm.
4. Summer/fall bus trip ideas have received little interest. Claire Teague is running trips to MacHayden Theatre, to Saratoga races, etc.

Friends/New Building

1. The ground for the new Center has been cleared, and they are now working on the front septic system.
2. The Friends will have a July 2 tag sale in Dewey Hall, with Thursday set-up help needed in the afternoon/evening and helping out on Friday (9-4 pm). Get the word out! We need a weather vane for the new building - Judy? No bathroom or cupboards have been funded for the basement.
3. The Friends deal with fundraising; the COA must make decisions on what we need for our activities; a meeting with both groups is needed. Joe Kellogg feels that our first priority must be tables, chairs & kitchen furnishings, ideally donated in "memory" of a loved one. The Friends have worked hard & must seek experienced procurers like Paul O'Brien.
4. Pauline indicates that we need an experienced decorator who can coordinate the furnishings, with the colors of the walls, rugs, floors, furniture, etc. John-Arthur says that clearer direction is needed. **A competent person in charge of this project is needed!**
5. Berkshire Business Equipment (BBE) from Pittsfield will visit to determine our needs, as they did the Senior Center in Stockbridge, on July 12 if possible.

A joint meeting of the COA & the Friends will be held on Monday, July 12, at 4:30 pm, probably at the town hall.