

**The Sheffield Council on Aging**  
**Minutes for June 8, 2009**  
By Dick Magenis

**Present:** John-Arthur, Natalie, Anne, Joan, Carol, Lovina, and Dick

**Introduction:** The April minutes were reviewed & approved. Berkshire School is looking at 2-week internships for their seniors as part of their graduation requirement. J-A responded to their inquiry with encouragement.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Anne)

1. The exercise class ends in June; our account with them is short only \$4 at present.
2. To date, Anne has paid \$2,243.09 to the Hurbitt Associates account for the Friends' tax-free status.
3. We have \$1,548.09 in the checkbook account now.
4. We have expended all of our state formula account budget, paying for our printing expenses, volunteer recognition, etc. It has served us well. J-A expects next year's budget to remain the same.
5. The Sheffield COA budget has adequate funds remaining for the next 2 months. We shall anticipate expenses sagely, returning perhaps \$1,000 to the town. Our rent costs will increase next year, some \$50 a month during the winter. Our picnic will expend the balance in our program line.
6. Our new budget begins in July, with the same budget - \$48,810.

**Committee Reports**

**Program & Activities** (Lovina)

1. The blood pressure clinic is here on 6/11; the CHP van is here on 6/15 and at Old Parish on 6/23 for screening, blood pressure, etc.
2. The COA picnic is on 6/18 in the town park, with Pied Piper Rick Hamelin's pottery demo at 10-11:30 am, followed by a cookout at noon. Help setting up & cooking would be appreciated.
3. The Out-to-Lunch Bunch goes out on 6/25; Tuesday movies for the month are those directed by George Cukar - "Born Yesterday", etc. On 6/30 the exercise classes move to the town hall due to art shows in Dewey Hall.
4. On July 16 - we have our Hyde Park trip; July 9 sees the ice cream/balloon man at town hall.

**Outreach/Volunteers** (Joan)

1. The volunteer luncheon was well-received and joyful, with great food and recognition of everyone.
2. Our outreach is building, with J-A & Barbara monitoring local needs, which continue to grow, giving us greater exposure in the community. The senior center's location in

mid-town is a plus, allowing folks to drop in when they wish.

**Friends/New Building (Carol):**

1. Joan suggested bingo games to raise money for our future building, which is the province of the Friends, who met on June 5. Without a quorum, they discussed final processing of the 501(c) (3) status & the possibility of a July 4 celebration in Sheffield and using the American Legion Hall for summer programs. The Legion is doing a ham dinner on 7/3 with the Boy Scouts and Friends putting on a show. The cost of a band & sound system were discussed. Because of cost, and timing the idea was not well received at that meeting. However, fund raising for a Wii was reviewed, and Winnie Veretto & J-A will investigate a Wii in Stockbridge's COA on 6/11. Kiwanis gave us \$500, which we might use for the Wii.

**Mission/Policies/Procedures** No report

**Director's Report: (John-Arthur):**

1. We still lack a chairperson for the COA.
2. On August 15, Elders Services will sponsor a benefit concert by "Young at Heart" (70-year olds singing rowdy music) for Meals on Wheels at the Colonial (\$25, 35 & 75) on Saturday, 4 pm. Perhaps we can carpool a group together to go. It is shortly after our "Crazy for You" trip on the 13<sup>th</sup>.
3. Barbara is an invaluable asset, arranging for our luncheons, getting volunteer help, etc. She tracks Meals on Wheels, gets drivers, monitors the exercise class and even leads it on occasion. Discussion ensued about the possibility of reallocating \$500 from the State Formula Grant as remuneration for her in FY10 and finding money in the town budget or the Friends to fund Volunteer recognition. J-A will work on that.

**The next COA meeting will be on Monday, September 14 , at 5 pm in Dewey Center.**