

## Council on Aging Board November 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes

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Present: Betty Bushee, Carol Hamel, Ginny Driscoll, Irene Parent, Interim Director Maggie Whitney., COA Coordinator Donna Burton, and Outreach Ron Lewis.

Absent: Lorna Fields, Natalie Hollowell and Al Hart.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Betty Bushee, Chair..

New Business – Althea Donahue was nominated by Irene Parent and seconded by Ginny Driscoll for the position of Secretary. Vote was unanimous.

A vote was made by Carol Hamel and seconded by Irene Parent to set the price of gas for the van trips at \$.34. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Althea Donahue and seconded by Ginny Driscoll to form a committee of Betty Bushee, Maggie Whitney and Donna Burton to plan and organize future van and bus trips. Vote was unanimous. Wilson Bus Company will be used for bus trips. For the present there will be only two van trips per month. There will be two sign-up books at the Senior Center, one for van trips and one for bus trips. Suggestions for future trips are welcomed. A flyer is being sent out in the light bills to make the public aware of the events going on with the COA.

A motion was made by Ginny Driscoll and seconded by Irene Parent to accept the Secretary's report of October 13, 2011. Vote was unanimous.

Outreach Report – A follow-up with a senior who requested raking and winterizing, said it was done. However, since she and her husband are ill, they will need help with everything else.

A follow-up with a senior requesting help with medical insurance said she was working with a representative at Leominster Hospital.

Parishioners of People's Church will help with raking and shoveling. The Lions Club will help also.

There was no Old Business to discuss.

Treasurer's Report – Donna Burton reported that \$6,361.35 was spent and \$16,601.65 is available. A motion to accept was made by Carol Hamel and seconded by Ginny Driscoll. Vote was unanimous.

Announcements – Maggie Whitney will talk to Nashoba Board of Health about the need of a stove. Hopefully, our warmer will suffice as it warms to 185°. For one month the

meals at the Center will be pre-packaged, however, the portions are smaller. The rug in the kitchen will have to be removed. Maggie reported the Open House at the Senior Center was a success. Years of files have been gone through and organized. Everyone is free to read them.

On November 29<sup>th</sup> at noon a home staff member will speak on the use of sodium. Shortcake will be served.

The Friends are hosting a Christmas Party on December 14<sup>th</sup> at noon at The Legion. All seniors are welcome. Ginny Driscoll reported the Friends are rather up in the air at the moment. Illnesses and resignations are part of the problem.

A motion by Carol Hamel and seconded by Irene Parent to adjourn was passed by unanimous vote. Adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Althea Donahue  
COA Secretary

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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