

Commission on Aging, Brookfield, CT
Regular Monthly Meeting December 4, 2013

Betsy McIlvaine called the meeting to order at 12:05

Present: Emily McPadden, Carol Howe, Betsy McIlvaine, Ellen Melville, Jeanette Holliday

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

SENIOR CENTER

Ellen reminded us of all the activities going on at the Center. These include the Holiday Boutique scheduled for Saturday, December 7 from 10-2 as well as the Holiday Gala on December 13th at noon. Other activities are listed in the December newsletter. Programs at the Center tend to slow down the months of January and February. She has been in contact with Curt Symes, Chairman of Newtown's Commission on Aging. They have exchanged ideas, one of which our group may consider doing next year. That is a Senior Resource Guide for residents of Brookfield.

SOCIAL SERVICES

This is a busy time of year for Jeanette and Beth. Forty households were serviced at Thanksgiving thanks to the generosity of donors in town. On the average 25-30 households visited the food pantry. Donors have been matched with families who qualify for the Holiday Gift Program. Energy assistance applications continue to come in and Peter Cronin is available to help residents with insurance needs.

BROOKS QUARRY

Rich Groski is assisting at their Christmas party today.

FISH

Fifteen rides were scheduled in November. Carol will be scheduling the rides in January with Betsy doing the same for February. We will not be tying into the town's phone system because it means changing our phone number and we decided that would not be beneficial, and Round the Clock owns our present number. Carol will send thank you cards to our drivers and inform Joan Locke of our meeting dates through January 2015.

The next COA meeting will be held on January 8 because of the holiday.

Meeting adjourned at 1:02.

Meeting notes submitted by Carol Howe