

**Commission on Aging Brookfield, CT
Regular Monthly Meeting January 7, 2015**

Betsy called the meeting to order at 12:05

Present: Bill, Betsy, Emily, Rich, Sue, Jeanette, Ellen, Carol. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

SENIOR CENTER

December was a very busy month with a trip, annual Holiday Bazaar, and December party all coming close together. Income tax preparation will begin Friday, February 6th. Appointments will be taken beginning January 19th. Two new support groups have recently been added to the calendar. Caregivers, family members and friends who know someone with Alzheimer's Disease or Dementia can meet for ongoing support the second Wednesday of every month from 6:30 to 8PM at the Senior Center. Brookfield Cares meets weekly at the Center as well. Ellen reports she continues to receive phone calls from seniors requesting the names of those who are willing to remove snow from their yards.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Jeanette continues to receive routine energy assistance applications. Visits to the Food Pantry were slightly higher in December as compared to December of the previous year. She is accepting applications for the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). Sixty Brookfield families benefited from the annual Gift Giving Program. There is a need in town for low income congregate housing similar to Bethel's Bishop Curtis House.

BROOKS QUARRY

Stanley Parker, of the Brookfield Housing Authority, has resigned. The Rotary's Christmas Party for the residents was successful. Residents received ShopRite gift cards from the Garden Club and fruit baskets from G.E. Capitol. The Quarry has welcomed two new residents. As of January 1, 2015 there is a no smoking policy in place.

COA

FISH is going well. Marilyn sent out holiday cards reminding our drivers of procedures for unfavorable weather conditions. We are in need to new drivers. Carol will send a Driver's Profile to Bill. Sue presented us with a draft copy of the Resource Guide. Betsy volunteered to proofread it. Sue met with the leaders of the April seminar designed to help seniors return to the work force. The seminar will last from 9AM-1PM and will require participants to reserve in advance of April 25th. Commissioners will look into the RVNA program to see if it would work for Brookfield residents. Sue and Carol will work on the nominating committee in time for February's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT 12:55PM

Meeting notes submitted by Carol Howe