

Commission on Aging Brookfield, CT
Regular Monthly Meeting
February 5, 2015

Betsy called the meeting to order at 12:01

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

SENIOR CENTER

According to Ellen, January was a quiet month, not unusual for this time of year. The AARP free Tax Preparation Assistance will begin February 6 for those who sign up A Lunch and Learn is scheduled for Friday, February 20 at twelve noon. Art Gottlieb will give a presentation on The Flapper Era of the 1920's.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Low and moderate income residents can apply for a Housing Rehabilitation Loan. It is a 0% interest loan designed to help residents make home improvements that focus on health and safety. The Danbury Housing Authority has a waiting list for the Housing Choice Voucher Program and State Moderate Rental Housing Program. Pre-applications are being accepted between 2/23 and 3/6. These applications are then chosen by a random lottery system. Jeanette can help residents who wish to take advantage of either program. She is also available to help residents who need assistance paying their energy bills. Donations from civic organizations in town have contributed money so an emergency fund is available. People with questions about their prescription plans can get advice from Peter Cronin any time during the year.

BROOKS QUARRY

Lisa Low is working on a grant for the new sewer system. Rich reports the Community Room has been repainted by Habitat for Humanity. A new computer printer was purchased for the residents.

COA

Requests for FISH rides so far this month have been down a bit, and some rides were cancelled because of weather. Betsy presented a draft page of the Resource Guide for our suggestions which included adjustment in spacing, lower case lettering and bold printing. Carol will contact BHS and Henry Abbot to see if either school has a printing lab. We decided we would start with one hundred copies printing more as needed. The Commissioners voted to approve the Commission on Aging Mission statement. Eve, Reet, Sue and Emily volunteered to review the Duties and Responsibilities of the COA to be discussed further at our next regular meeting. Participants in the Workshop on April 25 will receive folders and pens. The town is donating two reams of paper. Susan will purchase the refreshments with funds coming from the town. She will submit to the Danbury News Times "Where I Stand." Eve is designing a flyer advertising the workshop to be placed in public buildings such as the library and Town Hall. Carol will look into a program offered in Ridgefield called Rides for Ridgefield which provides transportation for the purpose of shopping. The following slate of officers was presented for the 2015-2016 year: Betsy McIlvaine, Chairman, Marilyn Wilkes, Vice-Chairman, and Eve Sturdevant, Secretary.

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