

**Commission on Aging
Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2016**

Regular monthly meeting for December.

Betsy called the meeting to order at 12:05

Present - Elaine, alternate, Ellen, Sue B., Sue S. Carol, Emily, Betsy Absent - Kevin

Minutes were approved as presented.

SENIOR CENTER/SOCIAL SERVICES

The December 3rd Holiday Boutique, that raised some \$3,000 for the Senior Center, was a big success. Ellen reported that 145 clients took advantage of the consultation appointments for Medicare Part D. The Red Cross has partnered with the Senior Center and the Brookfield Volunteer Fire Department to conduct a Home Fire Preparedness Campaign. They are offering new smoke detectors for those who sign up at the Center. The YMCA is leading a diabetes prevention program at the Center. Meeting at the Senior Center is The Brookfield Cares Support Group and the Alzheimer's Support Group. Meeting times can be found in the Senior Center's monthly newsletter. Planning for 2017 trips is underway; some of which sell out quickly. Lorraine Kelly, Social Services Coordinator, has information on the Energy Assistance program that has started. Thirty-Nine families received Thanksgiving baskets which served 159 individuals. Seventy-five children in 40 families had a brighter holiday thanks to the generosity of Brookfield residents.

BROOKS QUARRY

There have been changes in staffing. A management company has been proposed by the Board.

FISH

With the pending resignation of Marilyn Wilkes, the Commission is looking for a new person to schedule rides. Carol will schedule December requests, Betsy will handle January rides. As always we welcome new drivers.

RESOURCE GUIDE

Betsy shared a sample guide she had worked on. The Commissioners were most pleased with the guide, despite a few spacing problems. We are in the process of deciding the cost of printing the guide in black and white.

SEMINAR

The seminar, aimed at helping local veterans learn about programs that are available to them, will be held on Saturday, April 29 from 1-3 at the Senior Center. Speakers for the program include Peter DeMaria of the Armed Services for the State of Connecticut and Robin Montgomery, current police chief and retired veteran of Brookfield. Sue Balla volunteered to prepare bios of the speakers, a schedule for the day, a preliminary budget and draft flier advertising the program. These will be reviewed at the next COA meeting in January. Because there is limited seating, we suggest those who wish to attend should RSVP to the Commission on Aging.

MISCELLANEAOUS

Betsy shared a list of the Commission on Aging meeting dates for the calendar year 2017-2018. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at noon in room 135 of the Town Hall.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 4. At such time, we will discuss the possibility of including a Friendly Visitor's program and review plans for the April seminar.

Meeting notes submitted by Carol Howe