

MILLIS COUNCIL ON AGING

MEETING NOTES FROM October 14, 2011

Attending: Patty Kayo, Carol LaFreniere, Mary Skilling, Helen Daly, Ellinor Harkins, Sam Howie, Linda Beyrer

Meeting convened at 9:35 AM by Sam Howie

Secretary report accepted as written

Treasurer's Report presented by Patty:

- Respite hours have been changed as per Patty's request
- Expenses for respite care have been \$100 more this month than income – we need to find a way to enroll more participation in this program.
- We currently have a balance of \$5000.00 – Patty will carefully watch expenses.

Treasurer's Report accepted as presented.

- HESSCO Report - No HESSCO representative attending. Patty to meet with HESSCO at their next meeting.

Outreach report presented by Carol LaFreniere:

- She has been busy with fuel assistance calls (15 re-certs have already been received). Some special cases have taken considerable time.
- Carol will be attending Fuel Assistance Training next week

Outreach report accepted.

Director's Report presented

- Nancy Pru will be moving to N.C to live with her daughter. She has given her notice and will be leaving after the holidays.
- Patty suggests a small gathering to thank Nancy.
- The Town is trying to adopt a new Personnel plan – all volunteers, elected officials would be regarded as employees – must meet section D of Personnel Plan – biggest problem seen is designation between volunteer and employee. It will be offered for vote at the next Town Meeting, Nov. 7th. Part of the plan is that all volunteers will be monitored and must adhere to a dress code of no sneakers, jeans, etc.
- COA does not support this plan as written.

Director's report accepted

Chairperson's Report

- Sam met with Friends, Judy Ackerman, Ken & Mimi Haley were in attendance
- Friends do not want to do a cable interview
- Discussion of COA doing a cable interview to draw new people and promote Friends and their need for new members.

Chairperson's report accepted

Old Business:

- Medicare opens 10/15
- Volunteer of the Month - Al Holmes

- Patty will wait until after COA Board meeting on 2nd Friday of the month to submit the newsletter to the publisher in case there are any additions or corrections.

New Business

- Mary is concerned about the condition of the Senior Center. The old couch should be thrown out and a general clean up should be performed to bring an updated look to the center. The cover on the second sofa should be cleaned – Helen volunteered to take to Quality Cleansers – Olga often helps with no-charge cleaning for Churches and non-profits in town.
- Attendance Records show that we are dropping in numbers – Mary will review the statistics and report at the next meeting
- Discussion of Birthday List – Patty reports it was cancelled due to privacy issues – discussion is tabled until next meeting.

Motion to adjourn and approved at 10:35

Next meeting to be held Nov 4th due to Veteran's Day falling on Nov. 11th.