

## MILLIS COUNCIL ON AGING

### MEETING NOTES FROM AUGUST 12, 2011

Attending: Patty Kayo, Carol LaFreniere, Mary Skilling, Helen Daly, Ellinor Harkins, Nancy Prue, Sam Howie, Betty Barrett

Meeting convened at 9:40 AM by Steve Howie

Secretary report accepted as written

Treasurer's Report presented by Patty:

- Date on report changed to read **2011**
- End of June – end of Fiscal year – balance sheet shows were are OK
- Balance sheet of the Friends was requested by the committee to be presented at the next meeting

Treasurer's Report accepted as presented.

HESSCO Report presented by Carol

- Fox Field Taxi has dropped out of service – HESSCO is in the process of finding another vendor

HESSCO Report accepted as presented

Outreach report presented by Carol LaFreniere:

- Fuel assistance was up by 8%.over last year. Carol expects increase due to price of oil – she will not have grant amount until 11/1 when they start taking applications.

Outreach report accepted.

No Director's Report presented

Old Business:

- Patty has hired Carol Cahill for Supportive Day. Hours, Mon & Thurs 9am – 3:00 pm. Patty covering Tues & Wed 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.
- Classes being held in the community room with focus on memory skills. HESSCO has acknowledged and approved of this program.
- The community room has been cleaned and allows more group focus without interruption from the outside.
- Patty will announce in the next newsletter and see if she can get the newspaper to write an article.
- The new van has been funded with \$9k being raised in 3 weeks from the townspeople. \$12k was needed but the Friends will donate the balance of the \$3k short.
- A small van will be needed to replace the Patty wagon in the next 2 years.
- Mary addressed the Newsletter makeover that was discussed at the last meeting. Patty had sent info to Ellinor for review. Ellinor to get together with Linda Beyers to present ideas at the next meeting.

New Business presented by Patty:

- Formula Grant – based on 2010 census (previous census was 2000). There were 1026 seniors in the 2000 census , the 2010 census reflects 1459 senior @ \$6.25/senior. Total was \$7182 per year based on the old census – now \$9118 per year based on the 2010 census.
- Patty wants to increase the receptionist position hours to 4 hrs/day, 5 days/week due to the Formula Grant increase.
- Patty will continue to send 10 newsletter/year. She will put \$1000 for postage and \$600 for training purposes.
- Entertainment for luncheons discussed to draw younger as well as older seniors. Patty has lined up Jerry Atric – the entertainment will be free with \$2.50 charge per senior for lunch.
- Caricatures by Kathy Pueschell suggested for the next event at \$5.00 per person.
- Ellinor suggest naming it “Freaky Festive Friday”
- Fuel Assistance applications start mid October – re-certs have already started - asking for additional information. Carol has done these in the past – Patty asks for someone to be trained to assist Carol with this task. – Mary has volunteered to help – Carol will train her.
- Open enrollment for Medicare will be 10/15 to 12/7 this year which is earlier than last year. As this is a big change Patty will announce in both the newsletter and on cable.
- Peggy McDonough (head of SHINE) will be at the center on 10/26 at 2pm. It’s strongly suggested that everyone review their plan as there have been changes from last year.
- Discussion of signs for the Senior Center will be put on the WISH LIST for next meeting.

No Chairperson’s report presented

Motion to adjourn and approved at 10:17

**Next meeting September 9 at 9:30 am**