

MILLIS COUNCIL ON AGING

MEETING NOTES FROM February 10, 2012

Attending: Patty Kayo, Sam Howie, Carol LaFreniere, Mary Skilling, Helen Daly, Linda Beyer, Betty Barrett, Thora Smith

Meeting convened at 9:35 AM by Sam Howie

Secretary report accepted as written

Treasurer's Report presented by Patty:

- Figures not yet available because of short month – will be available next week.

Treasurer's Report accepted as presented.

- HESSCO Report - No HESSCO representative attending
- Carol will try to attend the next out-reach meeting. Patty will put an ad in next newsletter seeking a new HESSCO representative.

Outreach report presented by Carol LaFreniere:

- Fuel assistance – she has had only a couple of calls for fuel assistance this month
- Has had a number of calls for Millis Fund assistance which she has passed on.
- Patty questions if we are capturing all calls for food stamp and Millis Fund requests – Carol will start to note all contacts from each person. It seems that we service more than we are recording

Outreach report accepted.

Director's Report:

- There is a transportation question about residents requiring multiple trips per week over an extended time (2+ years) and how it interferes with our ability to assist all in the community. Patty acknowledges this problem but states this is public transportation and we do our best to accommodate all. Multiple appointments will be scheduled daily and passengers will be made aware that there may be a wait time after their appointments.

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No Chairperson's Report

Old Business:

- W-4 status for dispatcher started 1/1/12
- Drivers now considered P/T employees and are being paid out of Formula Grant.
- Patty to add 2 more drivers to 2012 budget, starting 7/1/12
- Fin-Com meeting scheduled for 2/29 – Patty will advise the board of the time
- Patty put in for 10 additional hours for the 2012 budget, this would give her 30 hours in the senior center and 2 days in Supportive Day
- Patty will ask Supportive Day clients to attend Fin com meeting
- She has found that other directors are at least 35 hours (Most 40 hours per week)...
- Mary will present COA requests at the FinCom meeting.
- Linda mentions cleanliness of the floors and suggests an "Open House" for all other board members to come and see the condition of the facilities to stress the need for updating
- New Supportive Day worker Kathy Powers has started and is working Mondays only – Patty covers the other days.

- Patty will let Donna Cabibbo & Millis Cable know of the Fin Com meeting on the 29th.
- Volunteer of the Month for April – Neta Heustis

New Business

- Thora Smith reports on ideas for rehabbing the center:
 1. Remove all clutter
 2. Remove border from the wall and paint – Thora suggested light green for the walls with a deep red for accent
 3. Utilize the 3 bookcases we already have and line the wall in the game room with them
 4. Move the White Elephant table to another area
 5. Move coffee and food table. Either to far end of game room or to lunch room.
 6. Possibly have a yard sale with all cast out items to raise a little money for the center.
- Bob Daly has already volunteered to help with the painting (truthfully – he was volunteered by his wife!) We could try to get the Lions to help in the clean up
- Volunteer Luncheon discussed – Patty will decide on location and advise date.
- St. Pats Day luncheon to be held on 3/14 @ 12:30– Patty and Linda will cook. There will be a group of High School kids to present an Irish program before the lunch is served
- Question is raised regarding a financial report from the Friends. They meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month and Patty will ask if they can supply our committee with an updated report.

Motion to adjourn and approved at 10:50

Next meeting to be held March 9, 2012