

Town of Upton
Council on Aging
Upton Center, September 12, 2011

The Upton Council on Aging's regular monthly meeting was called to order at 9:04a.m.

Those in attendance were: Betty Consigli, Jennifer DeLuca, Jamie Gardner, Judith Katz, Katie Kelley, Peggy Libbey, Gladys McKinstry, Bev Randazzo, and Grace Wadsworth

The minutes for the August 8, 2011 were read and accepted as amended.

Men's Club Supper: Jamie met with Ricky Gaudet and reviewed the rules of attendance. Jamie reviewed the new rules: Supper open to those 60 years or older; 70 people is the limit; signature needed for sign-up; no sign up before the 10th of the month; if person has given ticket to another, the person must wait to make sure the original ticket holder does not come; no seating before 4:45pm; saving seats is not permitted; must be resident of Upton. The Men's Club can choose to give take out. There are new regulations regarding parking. Men's Club is responsible to enforce these regulations. Judith and Grace will be the COA presence at the next supper. If abusive situations arise, get someone from the Men's Club to deal with it. Report any problems to Jamie.

Oct Fest/open House: canceled. Maybe something in the Spring. Planning to have more entertainers on a monthly basis. Open to any suggestions.

Formula Grant: even though there is a decrease in the amount for each senior (\$6.25), the monies have increased because of the new census. There are 1200 seniors in Upton so the Center has received close to \$8,000. There are plans to re-carpet the center in the Spring. Any monies left over will be used to replace a printer/copier.

Katie Kelley will write the biographical article for this months' Upton Town Crier.

Genealogy Workshop: Seema Kenney, a certified genealogist, will present a one hour introduction to genealogy, The class may be extended to six hours, depending on interest. There will be field trips included to the Genealogy Archives in Rhode Island and to the Upton Historical Society. The date is October 21 2:00 p.m.

Most events scheduled at the Center will be either on Tuesday or Friday afternoons/ The staff is working to get a pottery/stained glass class as well as to introduce line dancing.

Exercise classes; There is not much money in the revolving fund. The exercise programs cost \$600 each month. The Friends would pick up the cost of one program for the month. If the numbers are small, programs will have to be reduced in time or be canceled.

The Patio is closed until further notice because of safety. Some bricks from the building are unsafe.

Proper Conduct of COA members. House rules will be posted at the front door. A few people will receive letters that they are not welcome at the Center because of their behavior.

All COA members are considered staff members. All are responsible to maintain a code of ethics. It is recommended to walk away from situations if one feels they cannot handle it. If hear gossip, please address it. If one feels unable to handle a difficult situation, please find a staff person to do it. All staff need to redirect conversation to an appropriate level. Next month there will be a training session on how to deal with difficult people.

All COA members are encouraged to invite new membership to the Board.

Because of staff conferences, Peggy has volunteered to be at the office on Sept. 12 from 1-3 pm
Betty has volunteered to be at the office on Oct .4 from 1-3 p.m.
Peggy has volunteered to be at the office on Oct. 6 from 1-3 p.m.

Fuel assistance program starts November 1.

Friends' Pancake breakfast will continue with efforts to increase participation

Dates to remember were reviewed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

The next meeting of the COA is scheduled for October 3, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Kelley
Secretary