

The Council on Aging meeting held on August 11, 2011 was called to order at 3:10 pm.

Those in attendance were Joan DeCosta, Betty Fogarty, Yolanda Lague, Ruth Schneider and Lucy Wheeler. Tom Burke and Tim O'Connell were here as observers. They are going before the selectmen this evening for their appointment. Judith Leroux arrived late due to previous meeting.

Old Business: Yolanda, Joan and Betty met with the Town Manager and Carol Roberge and Mary from the Friends of Norton Seniors. This meeting went terrible. The "Friends" were quite emphatic that they wanted nothing to do with the Senior Center. The Town Manager has been asked to write a letter to the Friends. There was much discussion about all the problems with the friends.

The Craft Fair will be held October 15th at the VFW hall. Ruth and Betty will sell \$5 raffle tickets for Texas Hold'em. Joan will make the Ticket.

Joan mentioned again that she thought we should have a holiday get together for all seniors also stating that there would be too many people to hold it at the Center. She said there were 3,029 seniors in Norton which is an increase of about 50%.

Lucy mentioned that most attendees at the Center do not sign in and so a discussion ensued as to how we could help this along. Joan thought

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The volunteers could make sure they all sign in. The minutes were read (the wrong minutes at first) Ruth made a motion to accept both sets of minutes but Joan said with one exception and that being the amount received to the grant for each person. The sum of \$ should be \$6.25. Joan has filled out the paper for this year and met with the Town Manager on Monday who had to sign this report. It will be sent to the State. The amount we should get from the State is \$18,9 and something dollars. Joan said that last year we only got \$12,000. which was in accordance with the 2000 census figures. Because the 2010 figures were higher we get more.

Also the minutes said the painting of the building would be done by the Hwy Dept and it is going to be the Sheriff's dept.

Joan noted she had called Larry Enos to come pump the septic tank as Jim Dinsel said it hadn't been done for 5 years. I had plans showing where it should be, had a backhoe and jackhammer and dug area up but there was no septic tank installed. Larry Enos came back and ended up just pumping liquids via white pump but this does not take out a lot of solids. Maybe Risk X could be put down there to help the situation. Had a leak because of flapper in men's room and new one has been installed.

At the cream social people did not know there was additional parking in the back.

so we need to get a sign put up saying so.
Emmett at the State told Joan to call Rich
Thorp in Little Compton, RI regarding the
program to teach the seniors and to order the
program. The program should be paid by
the grant. This will cost \$1295. Joan thought
this was the program for the cards. Rich
Thorp came in then to install this and while
he was there Joan found out this wasn't the
card program. We have to have a short
on the TV Training program but people
still have to sign in. Then we have to go
into program and fill in info. The program
Joan thought we were getting costs \$4,000.
Only 6 communities out of 351 cities +
Towns have this. If you have money
left from grant at end of year, you will
be out down in the future year by what
is left.

Read also in minutes about Media cards and
Nancy dropped off 1000 100 of them for us
to pass out.

The Hearing tests went well. The person said
she could do these tests for us every other
month.

Regarding the Day Care luncheon, Betty has
not heard any more but will follow up on this.
The Elvis person charges \$100.

Forewood Theatre - concert \$31.95 or 32.95 plus
\$20 so should be \$51 or \$55.

Plans to do gambling thing every other month.
Craft Fair is not Oct 1st but Oct 15th.

The Treasurers Report noted we have a balance of \$1,123.83. We made only \$9 + ^{change} on Wheel & Sea Trip. Report voted to accept.

Craft Fair discussed again. Tables are 4x8 ft. We need crafters. Yolanda has one table booked but she is advertising. Michaels and Joanne's will be contacted to see if they have a list of crafters we could contact. Cut off dates is Sept 30th.

They wanted to say that the ice cream social was a giant success. Judy was asked to send a thank you card to Epoch. Yolanda helped make it a success by her dancing. Also Leora danced with the Town Manager. Betty brought up Wrights Chicken Farm, apple orchard for October and so this was discussed. Also brought up about going to Old Country Store in Mansfield. It was decided to do this in October and move the gambling trip to November for a price of \$35. ^{Oct 19th - wk} ^{deducted on.}

Joan said she had the Harvest Seed Program booked for Sept and wanted to have Police West come and talk about sevens. It

~~New Business~~ was thought to have a luncheon with The.

Joan said the next meeting would be on Sept 8th. Judy said she would not be able to make that night because of doctor appt. Ruth said she would take the minutes.

Ruth mentioned we got a donation of \$20 from 84 yr old Emma who plays cards. Ruth sent her a thank you note.

Ruth suggested making June Chamblard an Associate Member, not having a vote, but could still be part of us even though she had to resign because of commitments she would like to stay involved.

Motion made and voted.

Ruth also mentioned that Dennis is no longer with us.

The functions for Sept were again discussed and also the October ones.

Ruth is trying to make up a new coverage list. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith M. Leary
Recording Secretary