

Commission on Aging - Brookfield, CT
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 1, 2014

Carol called the meeting to order at 12:01

Present - Reet, Sue, Eve, Jeanette, Art, Marilyn, Carol, Rich, Kevin Emily, Bill Davidson,
The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

SENIOR CENTER

Ellen says the staff at the Center is adjusting to changes in on-line time sheets, a fax system and purchase orders. The six week course Powerful Tools for Caregivers has finished and was a huge success. Regular events are schedules for October with one exception. Beginning October 20, there is a new weekly discussion group planned called What's On Your Mind? Local, national and international issues will be discussed. The BSC Holiday Boutique is planned for Saturday, December 6. Donations are welcome as outlined in the October newsletter. Dates for the two annual flu clinics appear in the newsletter as well. On two Fridays in October, Pete Cronin will give a brief overview of the Medicare Part D. The dates for switching to a different RX plan run from October 15 to December 7, 2014.

SOCIAL SERVICES

The food pantry is in need of additional supplies with the coming of winter. There has been a slight drop in the number of people seeking rebates on their rent because ten residents have moved from Brooks Quarry. Jeanette has received thirty applications for energy assistance. There is a little money left in Operation Fuel. Seventy households will qualify for the annual Holiday Giving Program. Soon applications will be mailed as well as letters to donors explaining the format.

BROOKS QUARRY

According to Rich, Habitat for Humanity has been a tremendous help in painting doors and power washing units. The Resident tag sale is scheduled for October 11. A Housing Authority Commissioner is needed to replace Ronnie Smith. An ongoing sewer survey is in the works with hopes of upgrading the service for the Quarry as well as nearby residents. The Lions Club annual barbecue was successful. Rich is seeking a grant writer as there is money available for small improvements that would help with the crafts classes, monthly luncheons and the like.

FISH

We are providing about twenty rides a month. It was noted that more drivers are needed. All agreed to try and get the word out and Rich said he will E-mail Lion Club members.

SPRING SEMINAR

The three main speakers have agreed to participate. Eve will serve as the MC and take care of getting cups, plates, and napkins. After some discussion we will provide desert and drinks. Participants will have to bring a bag lunch or leave to grab a quick lunch out during the break. We brainstormed a list for the purpose of advertising. Ideas included contacting churches, doing press releases, submitting articles to the Senior Center Newsletter, Brookfield Patch and the like.

COA

Marilyn agreed to contact the RVNA to find out more about their Quality of Life Program. We will then decide if it is something to bring to Brookfield. Reet will draft a letter to the State Commission on Aging regarding some recommendations we believe will improve the Meals on Wheels program. She will bring this to our next meeting for our input.

ADJOURNMENT 1:10. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 5.

Meeting notes submitted by Carol Howe