

Minutes from the Groton Council on Aging Board Meeting November 3, 2014

Members Present Vera Strickland, Maydelle Gamester, Marie Melican, Gail Chalmers, Eddie Wenzell, Ellen Baxendale, George Faircloth, Mildred Wells, Charlotte Carkin

Staff Present: Kathy Shelp, Stacey Shepard Jones, Kathy Santiago

Open Meeting: Meeting called to order by Maydelle Gamester at 9:35 am
2nd by Marie Melican

Minutes: September minutes presented by Gail Chalmers. Minutes review by Board
Motion to accept by George Faircloth
2nd by Marie Melican
All in favor to accept

Treasurer's Report: George Fairchild presented the following:

- *Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual - July 1 through October 28, 2014
Report reviewed, no changes made
- *Motion to accept the treasures report by Vera Strickland
2nd by Eddie Wenzell
All in favor to accept

Outreach Report: Stacey Shepard Jones

- *Fuel Assistance Fund-WinPoint agreed to direct \$900.00 towards the purchase of 20 emergency preparedness kits. Kits will be available through the Senior Center, Police Dept. and Fire Dept
- *Medical Boot Camp was a success. 17 people attended, up from 5 the previous Year

Activity/Volunteer Report: Kathy Santiago

- *Kathy expressed to the board that she was pleased to be here and working at a very active senior center
- *Shakespeare Class with Stephen Collins started Tuesday, October 14th and run 4 consecutive weeks. 8 people participated. Sponsored by the Friends of Groton Elders
- *October 7th started the Music Wellness for an 8 week Tuesday group. This group is in collaboration with Indian Hills Music 3-5 people participated.
- *Oktoberfest cancelled
- *Writing Creatively started in October on Tuesdays with 16 participants. Sponsored by the Groton Lifelong Learning
- *Art with a Splash was held at the Groton Country Club on Wednesday, October 29th at 6pm. This well received program, is sponsored by the Friends of the Groton Elders, was attended by 16 participants
- *Coming in Nov. Nashoba Tech luncheon with the Superintendent of Schools, Tony Funches with the Women's Club and Gibbet Hill Grill Thanksgiving Dinner

Director's Report: Kathy Shelp

*Daytrip and Gibbet Hill Policy's presented
Motion to accept by Marie Melican
2nd by George Faircloth
All in favor to accept

*Mass Gerontology Fall Forum regarding future planning was attended by Kathy Shelp. Kathy reported that this forum covered many issues that can be related to the Town of Groton's Seniors and their future regarding the Senior Center

*Groton Senior Center utilization survey's have started to be distributed and tallied

*Kathy will put together a resident survey to be distributed with the Town of Groton Census. Postage will be worked on by Kathy. Deadline for distribution is Nov. 15

*Accreditation Manuals for the Senior Center application has been submitted.

Grant has been received from the Office of Elder Affairs to assist with the cost

*Kathy will look into a face book page for the Senior Center.

*Concern brought to the table about Meals on Wheels participation drop. It was agreed that we will always offer this program regardless of the amount of participants

Motion to accept all the staff reports by George Faircloth,
2nd by Eddie Wenzell
All in favor to accept

Motion to close by George Faircloth
2nd by Vera Strickland
All in favor to accept

Next Council on Aging Board of Directors Meeting schedule for December 1, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Gail M. Chalmers, Secretary
Groton Council of Ageing
November 5, 2014