

LUDLOW COUNCIL on AGING  
Meeting Minutes of 10-17-18

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Meeting called to order at 4:30 by President Fred Lafayette , followed by roll call.

I Roll Call present: Lucille Carneiro, Roz Forti, Frank Krzanik, Fred Lafayette, Nancy Pauze, Diane Peacey, Kara Ribeiro Sheena Santolini, Jodi Zepke.

Excused Absent: Jan Grimaldi      Absent: John DaCruz, Helen Grabowski      Observer, Jim Waskiewicz

II Secretary's Report:

a. September Minutes: Read and accepted on m/s/c Nancy Pauze and Roz Forti

III Treasurer's Report:

a. FY19 budget: Good. Report accepted on m/s/c Nancy Pauze and Kara Ribeiro.

IV Director's Report:

a. Staffing: Our cook suddenly resigned. Position has been posted. Two applications have been received. and interviews were scheduled but one opted out ....another job. The position has been on social media as well as the Friends media. Jeff inquired re the hours and they were described as 'mother's hours'. Jodi has been doing the cooking but is expected at a conference next week. The staff has been helping out. No coffee for lunch...the coffee urn is out of commission and replacement is priced at \$2200. Still waiting on possibility it can be repaired.

b. Van and other issues: The van died and is in need of a new motor. This would be it's 2<sup>nd</sup> replacement. We have additionally been quoted a price of \$10,000 for needed repairs....it's a 14 passenger van with a lift to accommodate 2 wheel chair passengers. E-mail has gone to Finance Committee to advise of this situation and we were made aware there would be no respite before November. While we could possibly pay necessary repairs on a van that already has close to 70,000 hard miles, an additional electrical system has appeared which no one has been able to identify or offer possible repair. No van means no trips and those that were already programmed, must be cancelled.

Report accepted on m/s/c Nancy Pauze and Sheena Santolini.

V Chairman' Report:

a. SCBC update. Fred advised that although Article 16 has been resolved, our work continues on. Our property is now marked. OPM Pallotta is ready to sit down with us and with Ellie to address all concerns. We did our foot work and have major information. Documents now have to be prepared, filed and put out to bid. OPM says if we can put a shovel in the ground by next spring we will be ready as expected. Jodie's goal is to serve Thanksgiving dinner at the new Senior Center in 2020. OPM is confident it will happen. Report accepted by Nancy Pauze and Sheena Santolini.

VI Old/New Business:

- a. Outreach Report: as shown.
- b. Committee Reports: Successful Wine and Beer Tasting fund raiser with 210 tickets sold plus 55 people at the door: Shredding event went well despite the rainy weather with \$350 raised in donations. Policy Manual; Roz advises work is progressing, but not quite completed. Jodi stated she would prefer to wait to see the manual when it is finalized.

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VII School Corner: Jeff Laing, liaison.

- a. Update on school issues: Jeff elaborated on his report of last month re the problem occurring at Ludlow and all schools in the area....bullying and etc. Teachers and administrators are meeting to address this growing problem to try to reach some solution. Suggestion was made of possibly having a monitor riding on the bus for a week as an observer... unwanted behavior does occur while on the bus to and from school. The driver can only do so much while doing the driving. It's a growing problem, not only in Ludlow, but in all schools and is of great concern to everyone and being treated as such. Will keep us posted on this serious issue.

- VIII. Because of the proximity of Thanksgiving Day holiday, next month's meeting will be held November 20 same time same place. Motion by Diane Peacey to adjourn and 2<sup>nd</sup> Roz Forti. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Survey Update: Kara is putting together excerpts from the recent survey completed by members of the Council and will hold them for discussion at a future meeting.

Respectfully submitted



L. Carneiro, Secretary