

Town of Montville
COMMISSION ON AGING
12 Maple Ave.
Uncasville, Connecticut 06382

February 4, 2016

Minutes

1. Call to order

Chair Doherty-Peck called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. on February 4, 2016 in the library at the Senior Center.

2. Roll call

Present were commission members: Doherty-Peck, MacNeil, Skinner, Ziegler, Adams and Antoniac. Absent with cause were Town council Liaison Caron, Police Liaison Bunnell and Commissioner Doherty.

3. Approval of minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2016 by MacNeil and seconded by Ziegler. All in favor.

4. Approval of the bills

None

5. Correspondence

None

6. Remarks from the public

None

7. Reports

- a. Doherty-Peck reported that she received a grant for Mental Health. It has been in place for November and December and is working very well. The program is being used and she is getting good feedback. They are trying to establish a grieving support group through this program as well.
- b. The holiday basket program went very well. They gave out 738 food baskets, 83 hot home cooked meals and well over 500 children benefited with toys and clothing.
- c. The budget was submitted. A request was made of an additional \$2,000.00 to the program line item to add new programs. While the center has fund raisers to cover existing programs, she would like to expand.
- d. Caron was not present but Doherty-Peck reported on his behalf. He was able to secure a skybox from Mohegan sun to sell tickets to raise money for the Veterans Fund. The concert is on 4/29/16 and the performer is Jason Aldean. All money raised will go to local Vets.

8. Old Business

- a. Animal Program-Doherty-Peck will be regrouping with her contacts for the Animal Program and report back next month
- b. GAP Program-someone is expected to sign up for the program this month
- c. Chicken Soup-no one has made a request yet
- d. Senior Safety Zones – will inquire about an update from Liaison Caron.

9. New Business

- a. Skinner brought up the subject of a film called Last Will and Embezzlement. She said many centers are offering it for seniors to watch. It talks about people taking advantage of seniors and taking their money. Doherty-Peck said she would look into getting a copy for the center to view. Doherty-Peck said they offer a financial check to their seniors but would look into offering it more often.
- b. Absent Member Doherty wanted us to discuss the need for education in finding the right people/company to take care of home bound seniors. She is aware of situations where a background check was done and the company seemed legitimate only to find out they were not taking proper care of the senior. It was suggested by Ziegler that when researching the company, make sure they are licensed by the department of public health not just certified. There are companies out there that are not licensed.

10. New initiatives

- a. Getting the film “Last Will and Embezzlement” and offering the financial check- up more often
- b. Way in which we can help educate public and policy for proper home care for seniors

11. Remarks from the public

None

12. Remarks from commission

None

12. A motion was made to adjourn at 9:29 by Ziegler and seconded by Skinner. All in favor.

