

WASHINGTON COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING
ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 6, 2016

The Washington County Office for the Aging Advisory Council met on June 6, 2016 at the United Presbyterian Church in West Hebron, New York. The meeting was called to order previous minutes were approved.

In attendance: Carol Kuhr, Gretchen Stark, Gerald Foelsch, Carol Hamilton, Alice Coldwell, Max McDonnell, Lettie Hayes, Sharon Dunn, Delores Mullen, Linda Barnes, Jodie Smith, Mindy Dudley and Gina Cantanucci-Mitchell.

Advisory Council Meeting Updates

Gina welcomed Sharon to the Advisory Council. William Lawrence retired from the Advisory Council. Please contact Gina if anyone knows someone from Hampton that may be interested in replacing William.

Program Updates

- A copy of the Office for the Aging Annual Report was handed out and went over. If anyone is interested in viewing the entire Annual Report that included the Department of Social Services it is available online or you can contact our office for a copy.
- May is Older American's month – each senior site celebrated one day in May. Gina passed around the state recognition book that included Washington County's 2015 Senior of the Year representatives Donald Brooks and Ruth Scribner. In addition a copy of the recognition form was handed out for next year's celebration and everyone was encouraged to submit nominations.
- Gina and Joanne Sheridan from RSVP met last month to get the Friendly Visitor Program up and running. Our office will receive the referrals and then pass them onto RSVP. The program will consist of making calls, reading books or just visiting (social). The program will start off slow with about 5 participants. Carol shared that St. Patrick's Church in Cambridge and Laurie Speanburg has started a similar program.
- Tai Chi Program – we are looking for a location and approximately 10 individuals that are interested in attending. You can contact our office if you have a group and location.
- The Savvy Caregiver – a program for family and friends of a loved one with Alzheimer's. We are looking to facilitate a group with at least 5 individuals. If you are aware of anyone that could benefit please let us know or contact Kym Hance at 800-272-3900 ext. 203.
- Outreach – In addition to our monthly information mailing's that is sent to various organization to share with their community, we set up an information table at the Salem town wide garage sale.
- June 15th is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day – Jodie Smith distributed hand outs and did a presentation.

Recent Activities

- 4/7/16 – Argyle Dinner Theater – Into the Woods (served 125 meals)
- 4/8/16 – Senior Council Luncheon – Hartford Firehouse (served 175 meals)
- 5/10/16 – New York State Senior of the Year Celebration in Albany
- 5/13/16 – Senior Council – Senior of the Year Celebration, Kingsbury Firehouse (served 190 meals)
- Month of May – Each senior site had a recognition day (served 120 overall)

Upcoming Events

- June 15th – Long Term Care Council Meeting @10 at Hamilton County DSS (Indian Lake).
- July 8th – Senior Picnic at the Washington County Fairgrounds.

Open Discussion

The Kingsbury/Fort Edward Senior Center held its annual chicken BBQ and raised over \$1,000. They also are seeing new faces from the article that was in the Chronicle about the center.

Stacy Barcomb was hired for the Alzheimer's Program through Center for Neurobehavioral and is expected to start on June 8, 2016.

On June 29th East Hebron Presbyterian Church is holding their 4th of July community sing starting with an ice cream social at 6pm and singing starting at 7pm.

June 16th the Boxkill Baptist Church in Greenwich will have Civil War lectures.

On July 16th the Cambridge Seniors will have a float in the Cambridge 150th Anniversary celebration parade. In addition, a basket raffle at Jacobs Well on July 23rd will benefit the Cambridge Seniors fund.

Carol shared that on May 9th the Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad had a chicken BBQ and the seniors contributed the desserts for 700 dinners and profited \$400. The seniors also went Maine for a trip and had a great time.

Gerald inquired about the location of our next meeting at Easton Town Hall; Gina said if it wasn't available that we will be at the library. When you receive the minutes and meeting announcement it will clarify the location. Gerald also invited everyone to attend his 85th birthday celebration on July 4th near Ridin High Ranch off exit 24 of the Northway.

The Argyle parade will be held on July 4th.

Hartford town wide garage sale will be June 18th and 19th.

Gina thanked everyone for being on the Advisory Council.

Donna Hook our state liaison will be attending our next meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and that motion was seconded.

Next meeting is September 12, 2016 at 10am at the Easton Town Hall – on Route 40 in Easton.