

Middletown Senior Center  
650 Green End Avenue  
Middletown, RI 02842

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 23, 2018

Jack Lewis motioned that the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Middletown senior Center be called to order. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by Arleen F. Kaul, Executive Director. Those in attendance were as follows:

Arleen F. Kaul

Jack Lewis

Alice Whitney

Karen D. Johnson

Olga Probert

Marion Rodrigues

Absent: Pam Rooney, Joan Gilleran and Joyce Quinn.

Director's Report: Arleen Kaul reported that the recent bake sale was very successful. Proceeds from the sale go to the Relay For Life which will be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Arleen noted that all minutes of the Board have to be sent to the Secretary of State and to the Town Clerk. Also, a list of dates that the Board will be meeting was submitted as well.

Arleen discussed fundraising efforts. The Newport Navy Choristers presented a Spring Concert on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Calvary Methodist Church on behalf of the Middletown Senior Center. It was a wonderful event. The concert was very well attended and extremely successful.

Our expenses and revenues are down. We need a boost. We need to be thinking about possible fundraisers to make this happen.

Regarding the Assessment needs Survey: Approximately 5,000 surveys were mailed to Middletown residents age 55 and over. The list of was provided from the Voter Registration List. At least 3 cases of the completed survey have been returned. The majority of the surveys are in favor of affordable senior housing. Transportation is definitely a concern. There seems to be a consensus of opinion that the town roads are not in good shape. The majority of people responding most strongly are baby boomers. The majority also want to be able to continue to live in Middletown when they retire and they are home owners.

The Tarot card reading session was successful. It was more on a personal level and basic about life in general.

A Caption Telephone was installed at the center at no cost.

Arleen noted that new Medicare cards should be received soon in the mail.

The Book Club is very active and doing well.

Plans to provide a bus for the senior center are moving forward. Still working on details regarding use of the bus and also, how the driver will be paid.

Tom Shea who currently teaches a balance class at MSC is looking forward to starting a new class soon.

The senior center is offering a bus trip to Niagara Falls/Toronto on September 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>.

The center will be closed on Monday, Memorial Day and since the parking lot will be closed so that parking spaces can be painted, no classes will be offered on Tuesday.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Olga Probert to adjourn which was seconded by Marion Rodrigues. There being no objection, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Karen D. Johnson