

**COUNCIL ON AGING**  
**January 27, 2016 at 9:00 am**  
**Middleton Senior Center**

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**Members Present:** Joan Shea-Desmond, Barbara Sanborn, Carol Carr, Barbara Tilton, Martha Fucarile, Frank Leary, Leah Magnifico

**Others Present:** Susan Gannon, Executive Director  
Leanna Harris, Recording Secretary

**Absent:** Kay Martinuk, William Walczak, Susan McNeil, alt.

Dr. Shea-Desmond called the meeting to order at **9:00 am**.

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**Minutes**

**MOTION:** Ms. Carr moved to approve the Minutes from the December 30, 2015 meeting. Second by Ms. Magnifico.

**On the Motion:** Ms. Magnifico stated she was absent at that meeting and it was not noted in the Minutes.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

**Director's Report**

Ms. Gannon stated they had previously scheduled lunches at the Essex Tech Café and their attempts to schedule lunches for February and March have not been successful.

The February/March Newsletter will list when tax prep appointments will be available. Sandy, who is an accountant affiliated with the Friends will be doing short forms.

The Registry of Motor Vehicles has contacted all COAs and offered to bring website training sessions. The computer labs will be set up for them to conduct the training and then simple transactions on the Registry's website can be done.

AARP has a few presentations available such as Home Fit Workshop, Fraud Watch Presentation, etc. Ms. Gannon is looking for feedback as far as interest in having these presentations, the members confirmed.

**Chairperson's Report**

Several attended the NSES Annual Meeting presentation re Alzheimer's. It touched more on the impact on the family and how the caregivers are affected. Dr. Shea-Desmond attended the Maple Street Bistro luncheon and stated it was very nice.

### Committee Reports:

- **Trips:** Ms. Fucarile stated in January/Feb/March there usually aren't any trips but they are working on trips for the summer and fall.
- **Activities:** Ms. Fucarile stated they are back to knitting and they seem to be getting more people to come back and they are enjoying it. Bingo is still doing well.
- **Newsletter:** The next Newsletter will be March/April, and will come out the third week in February.
- **"Friends":** Ms. Gannon told the Friends that they were informed by the State that they cannot do raffles and so the Friends are considering giving the COA the money they normally make from the raffles. They are going to charge \$12 towards the Thanksgiving dinner, the extra \$2 will go towards door prizes. People will come in and get a ticket. They won't have entertainment at the Thanksgiving dinner. The 1728 Club does not want them charging for the Christmas dinner so they may have to strictly limit the amount of people that can attend. Ms. Carr added that the 1728 Club are adamant about not charging for the Christmas dinner. She did try talking to them about how this is common but they won't agree to returning the money in a gift certificate. Dr. Shea-Desmond asked if the 1728 Club would be willing to pay for additional dinners beyond the cap. Ms. Gannon stated the Friends are considering sponsoring their regulars. If they could get a few local businesses to sponsor some smaller groups they may be able to take people beyond the 150 cap. Ms. Gannon stated there will not be any out of town guests permitted, other than their regulars.
- **NSES:** Dr. Shea-Desmond stated there is a meeting scheduled for January 28, 2016.
- **TRIAD:** Ms. Gannon hopes to meet with the Sheriff in March. The TRIAD doesn't have money to put behind programs they support.
- **Food Pantry:** Mr. Leary stated it is going well. They are discussing expanding the hours but that will not happen during the winter months. The pantry will open, have a break and then reopen. There needs to be time to restock and make sure the place isn't cluttered with donations.

### New Business

Ms. Gannon stated the library wanted to start a knitting/needlework group but she has asked them not to do that so that they aren't duplicating programs.

**MOTION:** Mr. Leary moved to adjourn the meeting at **8:50 am**. Second by Ms. Sanborn. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Leanna Harris, Recording Secretary