

**Town of Somers**  
**Meeting of Advisory Committee for Seniors**  
**November 13, 2018**

**Present:** Pat Bachetti, Phyllis Gwilliam, Ailene Henry, Carol Sarrantonio, Deanna Schuetz, Joan Sizer, Tina Toohey, Tim Welch (by phone)

**Absent:** Dori Bynack

**Audience:** Richard (Spider) Carey, Steve Getman, David Pinney

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m. by chairman Deanna Schuetz.
2. Amendment to 10/09/18 minutes. Under "Publicity" delete "and in the North Central News" and add "and periodically in local newspapers". Phyllis moved and Carol seconded the motion that the minutes of the 10/09/18 meeting be approved as amended.

**4. Committee Updates:**

**Chairman's Report:**

I. Deanna reported that the prescription drug take-back event on Oct. 27 was very successful with 52 vehicles participating and 105 pounds of medication collected.

II. **Budget:** The budget proposal will be due on Jan. 4, 2019. Deanna asked members to bring suggestions and input to our December meeting.

III. **Library Strategic Planning Meeting:** A person from the library met with Deanna to get ideas about the needs of seniors and any gaps in programming. Evening programs and tech education were two areas mentioned.

**5. Woodcrest/Senior Housing:** David Pinney spoke about the formation, operation and management of Woodcrest. Questions and discussion followed. David committed to making a flow chart explaining the ownership/management of Woodcrest.

Phyllis brought up the need for low cost, small housing in Somers. If we wish to pursue this, research into ordinances and land use etc. would need to be done and advocacy done to promote the idea. Aging in place was briefly discussed.

**6. Meals on Wheels:**

I. Ailene will purchase and package emergency/snow day meals to be delivered to MOW clients.

II. Pat continues to send cards and notes to MOW clients.

**7. Senior Citizens' Club:** 203 members. Two Dion lunch events and a Halloween party were held.

**8. Publicity:** Deanna is hoping, with the new budget, to be able to publish the newsletter monthly instead of bimonthly. It seems that Senior Center participation is down with a bimonthly publication.

**9. Senior Resource fairs Review/discussion:** Tabled to next month.

**10. Support Groups:** Tabled to next month.

Tina moved and Spider seconded the motion that we adjourn at 2:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Ailene Henry secretary

Minutes not official until approved at subsequent meeting.

