

**COUNCIL ON AGING  
MEETING MINUTES  
MIDDLEFIELD SENIOR CENTER  
2022-12- 07**

**Members:** Chair Judith Hoag, Director: Suzanne C. Lemieux, Treasurer: Laurie Lafreniere, Sharon Barry, Char Gero, Patricia R. Jones, Crystal Main, Marilyn Miller, Marge Pierre, Noreen P. Suriner Guests: Ray Gero ,Wayne Main , Lois Leonardo - Bell, Barbara Miller and Ann-Marie Visconti.  
Meeting began at 1:53.

Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve Nov 9 minutes. After review, minutes were approved as written.

Huntington Health Center: Middlefield Library Knitting Group has passed in 20 handmade hats and mittens to the Family Center. A request was put in for 'Soldier on'. Lois will pass this request to her group.

Director: Lois submitted the Northwestern DA's list of what subjects they would like to share with the Senior Center. Interest was noted for scams and identity theft. The DA's office will be contacted requesting brochures and calendars..

A desk top computer was requested to be installed in the office at the senior center for better access to information with a COA email account. Gateway concert may have been missed if we did not receive a request for a reservation. Info is being sent to an address that does not work. Laurie will check to see if the COA can afford to do this. An email will be sent to Kristen Smiddy about transportation.

**Events:** Cookie Swap has been posted for December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Noreen volunteered to make mulled cider for the event and Char will make coffee; Christmas party is the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Christmas Tree: Dan & Maureen Suriner & family donated the tree to the COA. Judy and Dale will work on the install.

**Donations:** A generous donation of \$500 was made to the COA to be dispersed to the Community as well as \$150 donated from proceeds from Middlefield days. Discussion on how to distribute donations ensued. The Middlefield Community Group evolved from the Grange, and have been distributing baskets to those in need at Christmastime. Suggestions included donating to the group's baskets for those in need or focusing on families with children or seniors. Families have to take care of their children as well as themselves in these trying times so it was decided to focus on them by distributing gift cards from Walmart or Target and use the lesser donation for seniors that we feel could use the gift cards. A motion was made and seconded to concentrate on families with children from the \$500 donation, and use the \$150 donation for adults in need. Motion passed. Noreen, Judy and Suzanne will discuss how to distribute the funds. Suzanne will work on finding addresses.

Meeting adjourned at 3:17 .

Next meeting at Jan. 11 at 1:00

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne C. Lemieux