

**COUNCIL ON AGING  
MEETING MINUTES  
MIDDLEFIELD SENIOR CENTER  
2022-11-09**

**Members:** Chair Judith Hoag, Director: Lois Leonardo- Bell, Sharon Barry, Char Gero, Patricia R. Jones, Crystal Main, Marge Pierre. Guests: Kim Savery, Director of Community Programs at Hilltown Community Health Center, Andrea Tosi, Ray Gero and Wayne Main. Regrets: Laurie Lafreniere, Noreen P. Suriner and Marilyn Miller.  
Meeting began at 1:07.

- **Community Programs:** Kim Savery updated the Board about services offered at the Community Center that are open to everyone regardless of health center membership. The four basic programs include: 1) Community Health Workers work with individuals to develop strategies and work towards goals, help with applications for social services such as SNAP and CAFA (Cash assistance and Fuel assistance), Kim provided contact information for Health Worker Karen Lamson for when we decide to hold a health clinic or info sessions with the Navigators ; Four certified Shine Counselor navigators help people enroll in Medicaid, Medicare and other subsidized health connected programs in the Navigator program; Two victim advocates are on staff working with survivors and their families to develop safety programs in the Domestic Violence program by court accompaniment for help with protective orders and help provide emergency housing; and the Family Center programs including grandparent groups, story walks that are being held at Noble view and the Hope Program, which requires being a patient at the health center. Kim left us with gifts including insulated grocery bags and magnetized clips.
- Lois volunteered the library knitting group to donate caps and mittens for the Family Center programs and will also look into getting a navigator to come to the library After discussion a date in March, 2023 may be scheduled to host a Navigator session.
- Director's position: Discussion of some of the duties o the position were discussed.
- Events: Cookie Swap was scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, each baker baking 3 dozen cookies, timeline to be sent to the Country Journal and online; Christmas party is the 21<sup>st</sup>, gift price determined to be between \$5 and \$10, numbers will be drawn to distribute gifts; Bright nights needs transportation, Director will contact Ann Daley for information and Foot clinic is scheduled for Dec 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Town Hall Improvement: Curt is working with the contractor that put in a bid and is attempting to have estimates to be put into the second phase of the community block grant to cover the job.
- Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of Sept 14. Motion passed unanimously.
- Director's Position: Applicants Suzanne Lemieux and Char Gero recused themselves. Board Members discussed filling the Director's position.
- Applicants reentered the meeting. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Suzanne Lemieux as Director, much appreciation was given to Char Gero for her interest in this position. All were in favor . Motion passed unanimously.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:22.
- Next meeting is 12-14-2022 at 1:00
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Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne C. Lemieux