

Columbia Commission on Aging
Minutes for May 23, 2018

Meeting called to order at 9:04

ATTENDING: Catherine Rowe(Chairwoman) Paula Cahalan, Edith Prague, Millie Ramsey, Bernadette Derring(Senior Center Director) and Sharen Smith (CSO President) .

Minutes from meeting on 4/25/18 read and accepted by a motion from Edith Prague and seconded by Paula Cahalan.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bernadette Update:

- Review of Number of Van Ride Denials Jan.-May 31, 2018 See attached report
- Actual time available for on the road driving is lessened due to paperwork and necessary safety checks that must be done with each trip.
- July 1,2018 there will be an increase in driver hours to: M, T, TH 8:00-2:30
- Still do not have a per diem driver

Car Lease: Cathie shared info concerning the leasing of a car by the Lebanon Senior Center. Cost is \$400.00 per month. Columbia has no funds at this time to support leasing a car for medical appointments. Bernadette will look into total cost for leasing which will include salary, gas, cell phone, insurance and cost of lease.

The Food Bank at the Center is well stocked at this time. Access Agency will have someone come in and check all USE BY DATES.

- Bernadette has a fund to purchase items from BJ's if needed. There are several families that make use of the pantry and she makes deliveries two or three times per month to seniors who may be needing food items.
- Bernadette attends the meetings of The Hunger Action Team held at Gilead Congregational Church the 2nd Wednesday of each month. In conjunction with library programs, they are organizing 3 take home meals for families during the summer months. Snacks will also be made available for children.
- The Hunger Action Team has also started a car repair program for those in need.
- Discussion ensued concerning ideas for housing. Single level homes were suggested. More information is needed. Careful structuring for management is advised. East Hampton Housing Director, Judie Bobbi will be invited to a future meeting to share what East Hampton has done.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Cathie reported on the Route 66 Corridor Roundtable Meeting she attended. Bullying at area Senior Centers was a topic of discussion.

Edith Prague made a motion to move the June meeting to June 20th. Paula Cahalan seconded. Motion was passed.

Motion to adjourn at 9:50 A.M. made by Edith Prague and seconded by Paula Cahalan.

Next meeting of Columbia Commission on Aging is scheduled for June 20, 2018.

Minutes submitted by Millie Ramsey