# **St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging (OFA)**

# **Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

# **April 9, 2018**

**Meeting called to order:** 10:00 AM by Patrick Rourk, Chairman

**Present:** *(voting members):* Roger Bennett, Linda Wilkinson, Patrick Rourk, Richard Gardner, Russ Backus

Gail Teele, Bob Mead, Kathy Skelly, Joyce Persons, Gail Bisonette

**Present:** *(non-voting members):* Larry Denesha, Barb McBurnie, Peg Walrich, Vicki Clark,

Brenda Sanderson, Christine Fobare, Danielle Durant, Dana McGuire

**Present:** *(New Members/Pending BOL approval)*

**Excused**: Carlton Doane, Frank Carter, Michael Boprey, Andrea Montgomery

**Absent:**

**Public Attending:** Myrtle Regan, Kevin Beary, Patricia Seelig, Sue Denesha

**Meeting Location:** Human Services Building

**♦Introductions:** Meeting brought to order by P. Rourk. Opened with Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Reflection. Welcome and introductions.

**♦Guest Speaker –** no speaker

**♦Public Comment** – no public comments

♦**Approval/Minutes** – motion to approve minutes by R. Bennett, seconded by B. Mead, all in favor.

# Motion passed.

♦**Correspondence** *(L. Wilkinson)* – no correspondence

**♦Old Business**– no old business

**♦New Business** –

**County Council of Senior Citizens Report** *(Brenda Sanderson)*- County Council is planning for the May Festival.

It will be held on Friday, May 4th from 12-7:30 PM at the Pierrepont Fire Hall.

**StateWide Senior Action Council Report** *(Barb McBurnie)* Grassroots Advocacy Day, Patient Advocate Teach-ins. Seniorama will be on August 13th at the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino.

**Veterans Services Report** *(Mike Boprey)* P. Rourk gave the report in M. Boprey’s absence. Contract to be signed this week for health medical records. Also a decision to be made regarding the Choice Program.

**Public Health Report** – *(Dana McGuire)* Next rabies clinic will be April 19th. Emergency Simulation POD activity

April 26th will probably be a vaccination simulation. There is still time to get the flu shot.

**County Legislator’s Report** *(Larry Denesha)* Commented on an article in the Watertown Times regarding the importance of home delivered meals.

**AARP Report**- *(Peg Walrich)* By-laws have been revised. Many great events coming up.

**Office for the Aging Report** *(Andrea Montgomery)* D. Durant gave the report in A. Montgomery’s absence.

• new Program Coordinator, Christiana DeForge, will start April 16th

• also a new Nutrition Services Aide, Lucinda Dean, will begin April 16th

• Senior Advocate Worker, Dawn Sharlow, resigned in February. We will be hiring for that position

and also a Keyboard specialist

• May Festival May 4th at the Pierrepont Fire Hall

• Tai Chi for Arthritis Class at the Gouverneur Community Center is going well. Also the Computer Class

series at BOCES in Canton continues to go well.

**♦Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn by R. Bennett, seconded by R. Gardner, all in favor.

P. Rourk adjourned meeting at 10:30 AM.

**♦Next Meeting** – June 11, 2018, Clifton Fine Community Center at 10AM

*(Minutes respectfully submitted by Christine Fobare)*