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

# **Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

# **February 12, 2018**

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

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

Frank Carter, Bob Mead, Kathy Skelly, Joyce Persons

**Present:** *(non-voting members):* Larry Denesha, Michael Boprey, Barb McBurnie, Andrea Montgomery,

Brenda Sanderson, Christine Fobare

**Present:** *(New Members/Pending BOL approval)* Gail Teele, Gail Bisonette

**Excused**: Russ Backus, Carlton Doane

**Absent:** Ada Martinez

**Public Attending:** Myrtle Regan, Arlene Kerr, Jennifer Berbrich, 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

**♦Election of Officers***(P. Rourk)* We missed appointing a Nominating Committee in November 2017 and couldn’t remember committee members from February 2016. F. Carter, J. Persons, and L. Wilkinson appointed to Nominating Committee today. Committee left room and came back with nominees names.

• Chair/P. Rourk

K. Skelly moved to approve, seconded by R. Mead, all in favor, motion passed

• Vice Chair/R. Bennett

R. Gardner moved to approve, seconded by B. Mead, all in favor, motion passed

• Corresponding Secretary/L. Wilkinson

K. Skelly moved to approve, seconded by R. Gardner, all in favor, motion passed

F. Carter and J. Persons will remain on the Nominating Committee and L. Wilkinson will come off.

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

# Motion passed.

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

**♦Old Business**– R. Gardner asked about the Gouverneur wait for HDMs. There is no longer a wait list.

**♦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. County council has revised their by-laws.

**StateWide Senior Action Council Report** *(Barb McBurnie)* the Seniorama will be on August 13th at the

Casino.

**Veterans Services Report** *(Mike Boprey)* M. Boprey did an outreach last week in Akwesasne. 90+ Vets were in attendance. He asked that any Veterans be sent his way for services. He has been receiving a lot of calls about home care. These are taken on a cases by case basis.

**Public Health Report** - No report.

**County Legislator’s Report** *(Larry Denesha)* L. Denesha was reappointed as the Legislative Representative to the OFA Advisory Council. In January the BOL Chair and Co-Chair were both unanimously re-elected. They are looking for people interested in being SLC Elections Inspectors. J. Persons inquired about progress with J&L.

The funding is in place for Phase 2 and 3. They are now taking bids for the work.

**AARP Report**- no report

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

• K. Skelly has been appointed to the Advisory Council.

• We are still waiting for approval for G. Teele and G. Bisonette.

• Congratulations to B. McBurnie new president of StateWide Senior Action Council and B. Sanderson

new President of County Council.

• OFA is hiring a Program Coordinator for NY Connects/HIICAP/EISEP

• requesting to fill a nutrition aide position

• new Advocate Worker’s role will be to create activities at the nutrition

• there is a new Public Health Director

• Cyber Seniors will begin soon

• another Tai Chi class is being organized

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

P. Rourk adjourned meeting at 10:40 AM.

**♦Next Meeting** – April 9, 2018, Human Services Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 10AM

*(Minutes respectfully submitted by Christine Fobare)*