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**St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging
Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2008**

Meeting called to order at 9:35 am by Florence Patterson. Members present were: Barbara Hance, Holly Capuro, Florence Patterson, Carlton Doane, Ruth Ayen, Ron Frank, Gloria Zehr, Elaine Porter, Beatrice Woodward and Tedra Cobb. Also present were: Robert Miller, Sylvia Despaw, Robert Mead, Pat Rourk, Barbara McBurnie and Joyce Rayburn. Excused was Sr Donna Franklin. Absent were: Cheryl Madlin and Janet Kelly, A quorum was established.

Introductions and Welcome:

- Florence made opening remarks as Chair. All members introduced themselves.

Public Comment/Correspondence:

- None

Approval of Minutes:

- Carlton D. moved to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2008 meeting. Seconded by Bea W. All in favor- motion carried.

Guest Speaker:

- Nancy Robert, Transportation Coordinator gave a brief outline of the County Public Transportation Program. She is going out in the County to discover the needs. She stated in 2006 there were 17,000 one way trips on the County Public Transportation Program. In 2007, one way trips were 20,000. There is no service in the southern part of the county.
- She has started a pilot project for senior shopping using 4 16-18 passenger buses in contract with NYSARC. Provides bus trips twice monthly (once to Canton, once to Ogd.) from the senior housing in Edwards, Hermon and DeKalb. The buses are 80-90% full averaging 10-13 people. Aides are needed to help. Tedra C. asked about the schedule and the ability to read it. Nancy stated the times and noted that the schedule needs to be user friendly. She will be working on improving the readability of the schedule in the future.

Old Business:

Office for the Aging Report/Senior of the Year Awards:

- Barb McB stated there were few nominations for the Senior Citizen Awards. Bob Miller stated there is not enough time for the clubs to work on the nominations as the forms are mailed after their meeting. He suggested applications should be sent out in January not February.
- Barb McB stated she can encourage, but the decision is each club committee to go over nominations. This year college students from Potsdam State are judging. Senior Citizen Day in Albany is May 6. The theme is "Helping Individuals to stay at Home". Ruth Robar, a volunteer driver and Pauline Smith from the Morristown Nutrition Site are attending.

StateWide Senior Action Report:

- Bob Miller stated the removal of executive director effective July 1. Jason Cunningham will become the new executive director. Senior Action newsletter is every 2 months. New membership list is coming out for the North Country Chapter. Changes are not up to par; expertise is not spread around. The nominating committee is in place with Bob Miller as chairman. Next North Country Chapter Meeting is June 20, 2008 at Gallagher's Restaurant in Malone at 10:00a.m.
- Elaine Porter, chairperson of the Seniorama stated the Bingo Palace will not be non-smoking for the day. Claxton-Hepburn may not come if there's smoking. She stated we're there as guests and we have to work with them under their rules. Next Seniorama Committee Meeting is on April 25, 2008.

AARP Report:

- Carlton D., presented the report for Janet Kelly, Chapter President. The regular chapter meeting was held on March 18, 2008. Terry Kovey, BCI spoke on scams.
- The next meeting will be April 15 at Gran-View Restaurant, Ogdensburg with Scott Bonno, St. Lawrence County Under Sheriff as speaker.
- Information was secured from a conference phone call with local AARP chapter legislative chairs on April 4, 2008 relating to issues in the New York State Budget. The issues which include health care, bulk purchasing of medications, long term care, developing community programs for seniors were listed on the report presented by Carlton D.

St. Lawrence County Council of Senior Citizens Report:

- Regular meeting was April 10, 2008 at Potsdam American Legion. The guest speaker was John Sullivan, New York State Assistant Attorney General from the Watertown Office. He spoke on issues and problems concerning seniors.
- May 3, 2008 will be the May Fest this year. The May Fest will be at the K of C Hall in Massena again this year. Office for the Aging is assisting in the printing of posters.
- Will attend United Way's 2008 Campaign Meeting.

Veteran's Services Report:

- Nothing to report

Advisory Council Membership:

- Cheryl Madlin will not be able to attend and is resigning. According to by-laws, a letter of resignation is required to be sent. Three names were suggested as a replacement; Bob Mead, Pauline Smith and possibly Mary Crosby.

Announcements:

- MayFest, May 3, 2003, at the K of C, in Massena
- Seniorama August 14, 2008 in Hogansburg.
- Advisory Council meetings will be held on June 9th, September 8th & November 10th

Adjournment:

- Ron Frank made the motion to adjourn, 2nd by Gloria Zehr - meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.
- Next meeting will be June 9 at 9:30 a.m.