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**St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging  
Advisory Council Meeting Minutes  
April 09, 2007**

Meeting called to order at 9:35 am by Florence Patterson, President of the Advisory Council. Members present were: Florence Patterson, Diane Burns, Barbara Hance, Patricia Jones, Donald Smith, Bea Woodward, Sister Donna Franklin, Cheryl Madlin, Ruth Ayen, and Holly Capuro. Also present were: Robert Miller, Sylvia Despaw, Pat Rourk, Barbara McBurnie and Kathy Skelly. Excused were: Tedra Cobb, and Pat Kinne. A quorum was established.

**Public Comment/Correspondence:**

- Introductions of the two newest members of Advisory Council were made. Cheryl Madlin and Ruth Ayen, Director of Community Services. Everyone then introduced themselves by name and the area or group they represented.
- Barb McB. commented on how sorry we were to hear about Bob Miller's brother passing away last week.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Florence P. asked that the minutes be approved. Pat J. moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2007 meeting. Seconded by Holly C. and Diane B. All in favor- motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**Office for the Aging Report:**

- Barb McB. asked for questions or comments on the Office for the Aging report included with the minutes of the meeting. No one had any questions at this time.
- Barb McB. also discussed the vacancies on the Advisory Council. Carlton Doane has agreed to accept an open appointment to the Council. Ruth and Carlton's appointments will go before the board at the next meeting.

**Senior Citizen Awards:**

- Barb McB. stated the awards for Senior Citizen of The Year 2007 and Outstanding Contribution by a Senior Citizen 2007 had been evaluated and judged by Florence P., Diane B., Tedra C., Robin St. Andrews and Deborah Phaler from the Board of Election, and intern Amanda Fobare. After our local choices have been made they will be submitted to the Assembly and Senate Aging Committee Chairs to compete for the New York State Senior Citizen Awards.
- Florence P. stated she had a problem with people being nominated for the award. Florence felt that there needed to be a distinction made between a true volunteer and a person who gets paid for much of what they do. Bea W. agreed with Florence. It was decided that clarification would be made on the form for next year for a true volunteer to be nominated (work performed with out pay).

**~~New Business:~~**

**AARP Report:**

- AARP Chapter #2831 new President is Janet Kelly. No report was received.

### **State Office for the Aging (SOFA) Advisory Council Report:**

- Barbara T. excused. Barb McB. said there hadn't been a meeting since Barb's last report to us.

### **St. Lawrence County Council of Senior Citizens Report:**

- Sylvia D., new President of St. Lawrence County Council of Senior Citizens, reported that Mayfest 2007 is set and posters are out. The Mayfest will take place May 5, 2007 at the K of C in Massena. Dinner tickets are out with very few left to sell at a cost of \$12.00 each.
- The Mayfest has been renamed to honor Margaret Cuthbert. The posters reflect the name change. She was over 100 when she passed away this winter. Margaret was an outstanding advocate for the senior citizens of St. Lawrence County and has truly earned the right to be honored.
- The July Senior Citizen picnic will be held Friday, July 13 at the Norfolk Community Center Arena. The Town Supervisor is in the process of finalizing the council's needs. Sylvia D. will also be meeting with Diana McCormick from the Office for the Aging to finalize the menu. The senior picnic has been held in Parishville for a number of years. They were no longer willing to host the seniors because it breaks up their summer recreation and swim program.
- The St. Lawrence County Council of Senior Citizens will have a scheduled speaker at each meeting. The meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 10:00 am at the American Legion in Potsdam. Everyone is welcome.

### **StateWide Senior Action Report:**

- Bob M. reported that StateWide has many internal problems to be ironed out. On April 25, there will be a grievance day for the members of the StateWide Board of Directors to submit their written individual grievance. It is hoped all issues can be resolved.
- Seniorama planning committee meeting will be April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Mohawk Bingo Place.
- The Seniorama will be August 16, 2007, in Hogsburg. Space has been limited this year with only 50 vendors participating. They are working on having the Rescue squad come with their display. Karen St. Hilaire sent letters to Hillary Clinton, and a Republican inviting them to attend the Seniorama.
- Town Hall meetings will not be held this year. Last year only two representatives attend. They feel that next year(election year) will be a better year to hold them again.

### **Announcements:**

- Barbara McB. announced that Genevieve Baxter passed away Saturday, April 7. Genevieve was a former legislator and member of the Advisory Council for a number of years.
- Barbara McB. asked that council members as representatives of their local community, to keep their eyes and ears open for compliments, complaints, and other issues people have with the Office for the Aging. This helps us improve the lives of seniors in St. Lawrence County.
- Mayfest – May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus, in Massena.

### **Adjournment:**

- Bea W. made the motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane B. meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.
- Next meeting will be June 11, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.