

**Manchester Council on Aging
Executive Board Meeting
January 11, 2017**

Members Present: Steve Gillespie, George Nickless, Su Kwedor, Mary Hull & Kathy Bothwick

Members Absent: Bob Howard

Staff Present: Nancy Hammond

Friends of the COA Present: Martha Elder & Jane Pomeroy

Meeting was called to order by Steve at 5:27 pm.

Minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Director's Report:

Holiday Giving-Several gift certificates were given by organizations and individuals. "Thank you's" will be printed in the Cricket. There are some on reserve that can be given out as needed.

The Holiday Luncheon, catered by Henry's was successful!

The lunch on January 24th will be fish and clam chowder from the Causeway ...and finger sandwiches.

The budget is on track. Gas prices continue to rise but we're hopeful we will be O.K. the concern in the new budget is for the vans and their upkeep. The vans have to be sent out for oil changes as the town mechanic will not do them.

We are still waiting to hear from the state on the grant process for one new van. "Hard miles" are building fast on van #2.

"We're trying to keep busy through the winter!"

Friends Report:

Nancy and new chief of police, Edward Conley, attended a meeting to explain the new program which will identify seniors called Smart911:

"One of the things we fail to think about is the fact that when a person is dialing 9-1-1, it can be a very chaotic environment and there could be a lot of panic involved. If they have preloaded a profile that automatically populates for our responders, we have useful information, even if the person cannot relay all needed information to us."

A person simply fills out a profile that goes to their local police department and is put in a "bank." If the police get a "911" call they can go to the bank and know what they are dealing with.

You Decide What to Include

Provide as much or as little information as you want.

Smart911 only asks for information that is relevant to aid emergency response.

A private donation of \$10,000 was made for the first year. The Friends will pick up the fee of \$6,000 for the second year.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 8th 2017**
At 5:30 PM at Seaside One.

Happy Valentine's Day!!