

Aging Advisory Council Meeting  
George C. Meck Senior Center  
February 17, 2016

Members present: Ray Humphrey, Joe Sohmer, Marge Scott, Lois Stryker, Nancy Watson, Sharon Cashwell, Linda Hess, Commissioner Jeff Snyder

Staff present: Frederick Shrimp, Jennifer Smith

Guest present: Leslie Houser was present to consider a nomination to the council.

Ray Humphrey called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

Fred Shrimp informed the council of the history of the George C. Meck Center including who George Meck was and his important contributions as a volunteer for over 20 years beginning in the 1970s, how the center was moved to the East Lycoming YMCA and the Muncy area artist whose artwork is displayed at the center.

Ray Humphrey asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 9 meeting. Nancy Watson made a motion to approve. Lois Stryker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Fred Shrimp reviewed the budget summary sheets regarding revenue and spending. The OPTIONS services supplemental funding is allocated \$69,000 for weekend home delivered meals, \$87,000 for personal care, \$44,000 for PERS, \$133,000 for home support. \$44,398 for protective services and \$29,000 to cover complete fare for those 65 and older for the four sponsored trips. Aging is currently not assessing new referrals for home support and home modifications. Names are being taken to call back when funding will enable service.

A motion was made by Sharon Cashwell to approve the 2015-2016 budget. A second was made by Lois Stryker and the motion passed unanimously.

Fred Shrimp will hold public hearings regarding the budget plan on February 24 at noon at the Lincoln Center and on March 1 at 11:30 at the Clinton County Community Center (CCCC). The advisory council is invited to participate.

Mr. Shrimp reported that all staff had been called back that were laid off during the budget impasse and reassigned staff and staff with reduced hours all returned to normal positions and the Mill Hall center had reopened.

Mr. Shrimp reported the AARP Tax-Aide program is underway at the CCCC with Alice Bryerton leading the program there and at Lincoln with Phil Landers leading the program there. Alice and Phil were honored by STEP as volunteers of the year in 2015.

Mr. Shrimp reported that The RiverWalk Center is doing well. We have had 15 to 20 new people register for services. We will be starting the Healthy Aging through Local Harvest cook-along classes soon. A piano has been donated.

Mr. Shrimp reported that the Level of Care Assessment Program will be undergoing changes as a result of the Department of Human Services (DHS) plan to move long term care into a managed care system. It appears the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) will continue this service through a contract with a company formed by the AAA's association for this purpose. That company will subcontract to the AAAs. DHS was going to eliminate AAAs from this process but the state house and senate leaders of the Aging Committees wrote a letter supporting the AAAs.

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