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MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 4, 2017 MEETING 10 A.M.

The meeting was called to order and Joann Sadowski led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Joann Sadowski, Ray Mullins, Barbara Steiger, Ed Szymczak, Phyllis Romano, Rose Sylvestri, Elaine Gould and Helen Kesner. Also present was the Director Jean Travis.

Minutes of the September meeting were read and unanimously approved as read.

The director's report noted that all activities are going well. She said that the Senior Center served 45 people for lunch and 52 people played bingo one day which broke a record. The director apologized to a member of the knit/crochet social group for no advance notification that the center would close on the day of the picnic. She said she heard rumors that people were going to crash the picnic so she did not notify others and utilized wrist bands for those who were approved to go to the picnic.

Old Business:

The director would like the knit/crochet social group to create for the benefit of the seniors at the center. Barbara and Helen explained that the group makes prayer shawls and hats, mittens and scarves at the request of the police department as well as our own personal projects. Jean felt the items should stay in the center or the group should consider other charities.

In regards to the center being a shelter in case of emergency Barbara spoke to Emergency Medical Services about the kitchen's functionality. There was discussion about the cook top and special pans. The dishwasher works. Ed mentioned that the former center was a shelter.

New Business:

Barbara asked if the Council receives mail. Jean said she receives it and if she deems it would be interesting to members of the COA she will share it. At Elaine's suggestion there will now be a drop file in the conference room and members may view their mail there.

Helen asked that the COA meetings be posted in the monthly newsletter. Jean said she will have them added.

Elaine complimented the current newsletter. She also said the bylaws suggest we invite other senior leaders in town to our meetings and thought we should look into doing that.

Elaine had other ideas for activities such as a craft or vendor fair.

Ed questioned the request from TriValley for \$1 for each senior to pay for meals.

Next meeting was set for November 1st. Meeting adjourned.