

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

Thursday, October 20, 2016

Present: Kathy Bagley, Kathi Liberman, Christine Taylor, Joe Mehan, Claire Mehan, Henry Hornat, Lisa Galipo

Absent: Barbara Higbee, Henry Higbee, Tony Martino

Guest: Ann Marie (Admissions Coordinator, Ellis Manor)

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.

Minutes: A motion was made by Claire Mehan to accept the minutes of the September meeting, seconded by Chris Taylor.

Old Business:

- **Financial Update:** Lisa Galipo reported that she took out a full-page ad with the Rare Reminder for \$200 leaving our account balance at \$1800.

New Business:

- **Annual Conference:** Joe Mehan and Lisa Galipo reported that the topic for the Spring 2017 SCAC event would be "Spring Cleaning". Since the most popular activity in the past has been the availability of the document shredder, it was decided that we would sponsor that again for the spring event and focus on helping seniors clean out their homes of other miscellaneous items. Lisa will investigate the following possible additions for the event:
 - involvement with Police Dept. for disposal of old prescription drugs.
 - involvement/availability of mobile exhibit from CRRA (CT Resources Recovery Authority) Trash Museum.
 - involvement with Boy Scouts for recycling bottles.
 - involvement with Friends of the Library to accept books.
 - dates for paint recycling at WHS.

The tentative date for the event is Thursday, May 11, 2017.

Committee Reports:

- **Wethersfield Housing Authority:** Kathi Liberman reported that renovations to the units at 60 Lancaster Rd. are progressing.
- **Elderly Services Coordinator/Municipal Agent:** Chris Taylor reported
 - 45 people have applied for the Energy Assistance Program, which provides assistance for heating expenses incurred in the 2016/2017 heating season.
- **People with Disabilities:** Chris Taylor reported:
 - A meeting was held on Oct. 19 to discuss the sidewalk ramps being installed at various streets.
 - A Thanksgiving Day celebration is being planned for Nov. 16, 5:30 pm at the Pitkin

Community Center. Michael's Catering will handle the food.

- The annual Breakfast with Santa (Pancake Breakfast) is scheduled for Dec. 3.
 - A Christmas Party is planned for Dec. 14
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- Senior Center Activities: Lisa Galipo reported that the November News bulletin is now available.

 - Social Services: Kathy Bagley reported:
 - Containers for donations of non-perishable items for the Food Pantry will now be available at all the voting places in Wethersfield.
 - This year the Keane Foundation which sponsors the Cove Park Carnival has voted to donate all the proceeds from the Carnival to the Food Pantry.
 - The town is starting a weekend lunch program for students.
 - With the additional funds that the Food Pantry has been receiving, a larger variety of items are being purchased to include more nutritional items for seniors (such as Ensure).
 - The Food Pantry now has use of a refrigerator which allows for the storage of a limited number of perishable items.
 - The Hunger Action Team recently met at Wethersfield High School to encourage student involvement with reducing the food shortages of Wethersfield residents.

The next regular meeting is November 17, 2016 at 3:00 pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Taylor, 2nd by Claire Mehan. The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Mehan