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SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, April 19, 2007

Present: Joe Mehan, Carol Tedone, Donna Mattison, Kathy Bagley, Nancy Stilwell, Christine Taylor, Maribeth Dwane, Bertha Keenan, Grace Piencikowski, Kathi Liberman, Estelle Knurek, Jane Helen Ross

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Kathi Liberman.

Public Comments: None

Presentation: Eileen Rau from "The Holiday," a senior living facility in West Hartford gave a brief presentation on their residence program.

Minutes:

[Minutes from the March meeting](#) were accepted as printed, with two spelling mistakes noted.

Old Business:

Donna Mattison presented the newly printed brochures and distributed them to anyone who has a place from which they can be disseminated.

New Business

Donna presented three possible ideas for activities/events that the SCAC could sponsor next year. She offered these as possibilities and encouraged committee members to create others:

- a. Taste of Senior Housing
- b. Grandparents and Me Tea
- c. A speaker or program on advance directives, living wills etc.

Chris Taylor offered a suggestion for a forum on long-term care insurance.

The committee then discussed the issue of allowing people who request to present to the committee time to do so. It was agreed that for profit entities, in general, should not be allowed to present at SCAC meetings. Donna Mattison moved to have anyone who requests to speak at the meeting be brought up for discussion at the next meeting and the committee will decide whether or not to invite the presentation. The motion was passed unanimously.

Reports

Council - No report

Housing - Kathi Liberman reported that they had a successful students and seniors as partners event last week.

Clergy - No report

AARP - Jane Helen Ross reported that the nominating committee is working on a slate of officers for next year. The group is going to see Mary Poppins for their next trip

Elderly Services - Chris Taylor reported that the Friendly Shoppers, Visitors and Drivers are still looking for more volunteers. The CRT energy program is concluding and the Renter Rebate program is beginning in May. She provided details on some upcoming events and programs.

WACPD - Chris Taylor reported that the next meeting is in May - there was no April meeting.

Seniors Club - Carol Tedone reported that they currently have 331 paid members. The group donated \$300 to Safe Graduation. They are planning a trip to the Garde Hotel and will see a show at Mohegan Sun.

Social Services - Nancy Stilwell talked about the start of the Friendly Driver Program and provided a brief summary of the Social and Youth Services Budget which is essentially unchanged for the coming year. Donna reported on a poetry contest for those 65 and over sponsored by Connecticut Community Care.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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