

## SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Minutes

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Present: Jane-Helen Ross, Grace Piencikowski, Christine Taylor, Donna Mattison, Kathy Bagley, Estelle Knurek, Kitch Czernicki, Betty Smith, Margaret Rutledge, Nancy Stilwell

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM. The [minutes from the April meeting](#) were accepted without correction.

**Chairperson's Report:** None

**Old Business:** Janet Klett and Christine Taylor had obtained information on the printing costs of a cookbook for consideration by the committee. The information was reviewed, no decisions were made.

### **Committee Reports:**

Elderly Services Coordinator and Municipal Agent for the Elderly: Christine Taylor reported on several areas.

1. The ConnPace asset test has been repealed.
2. Long-term care advocates will now be able to visit and assist those in assisted living facilities.
3. The 50% penalty on employment payments for those on Social Security has been eliminated
4. Guidelines for Elder Hostel subsidies were presented
5. There will be an open house at the regional Easter Seal Facility on June 9th
6. The renter's rebate program has begun and will continue until September. Staff from Social & Youth Services are taking applications at the office and at housing sites in town over the next several months.

Senior Club: Grace Piencikowski reported that the summer banquet is planned for 6/2/04

Senior Center: Donna Mattison reported that there are currently 497 member of the Senior Center.

1. Classes for cooking and jewelry making have been cancelled since there was not enough interest to fill the classes.
2. Line Dancing is popular and this year, some classes will be held during the summer.
3. Fifteen people have indicated interest in learning Mah Jongg. Volunteers will be teaching this class on Fridays in June and July.
4. Senior Net is registering people for fall classes.
5. Two entertainment events were held in May.
6. The next entertainment events are scheduled for May 24th and June 10th.
7. The Red Cross is offering a Family Caregiver Program - this is a fee for service class and consists of modular sessions on specific topics.
8. The Senior Games will be held at Trinity College on June 19, 26, and 27.

Council Liaison: John Cascio was not able to attend the meeting. Kitch Czernicki provided the council update. She reviewed the budget that was adopted last week and noted that it represents a 9% increase which means a 17.25% tax increase. She indicated that blasting on the Nott Street project will begin next month and last two to four weeks. Renovation of Town Hall is under consideration. Council will be meeting to set priorities for the renovations.

Housing Authority: No report

Clergy: No report

WACPD: Janet Klett was not able to attend the meeting. Chris Taylor provided the update. The committee is revising the directory of services for people with disabilities. Special Olympics will be occurring in June. There was some

interest in the idea of an intergenerational prom.

AAPR: Jane Helen Ross reported that mystery trip was to the Spinning Wheel. They will be inducting new officers at their next meeting, and will be having a volunteer recognition ceremony on June 14th. A fall trip is being planned to New York to attend Mama Mia and Tavern on the Green.

The event in May with presentations on CHOICES, the new prescription insurance cards and fall prevention was reviewed.

The committee voted to cancel the June meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy Stilwell