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Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - Thursday, October 21, 2004

The meeting was open by Chairperson Janet Klett at 3:00 p.m. at the Pitkin Community Center. Members present Grace Piencikowski, Estelle Knurek, Jane Helen Ross, Betty Smith, Donna Mattison, Christine Taylor, Kathleen Bagley and Kathy Lieberman. Also attending was Nancy Stilwell, Director of Social and Youth Services Department.

1. [Minutes - May 2004.](#)

The May 2004 minutes were not enclosed in the October packet. They will be enclosed in the November packet to be voted on at the November meeting.

2. [Minutes - September 4, 2004.](#)

Kathy Lieberman voted to approve the minutes. The motion was voted by Christine Taylor and voted unanimously.

At this time, Chairperson Klett introduced Nancy DesRochers to the committee. Chairperson Klett reported that Nancy DesRochers was at the meeting to speak on behalf of the referendum question on the town hall/library renovations. Mrs. DesRochers handed out an information sheet to encourage members to support the November referendum. This information sheet gave background on the current condition of the town hall and library building and why additional funds are needed to renovate the building. Mrs. DesRochers reported that the town hall and library have not been updated since it was built in 1958. Only limited renovations will be done with the 1999 bond funds and there are still outstanding structural repairs and code compliance issues. She reported that the roof is leaking and there is asbestos tile and lead paint in the building. The funding of this referendum project will go to install a new energy system in the building along with a full sprinkler system. Also, handicapped accessibility will be provided to all public offices and rest rooms. She encouraged members to report back to the groups they represent and encourage them to support this referendum question.

3. Chairperson's Report.

None at this time.

4. Old Business.

a. Donations in memory of William Mislick.

Committee members discussed uses of the donation money. A suggestion was made to use a portion of the funds for a recognition event. Also, some of the money could be used to sponsor mental health workshops for senior citizens. Another suggestion was to print a brochure for the "Friendly Visitor/Friendly Shopper" program. Nancy Stilwell will check out the cost of this item. Committee members talked about purchasing a permanent item in memory of William Mislick. Some suggestions included a serving tray for senior citizen functions and a Bingo cart. Donna Mattison and Kathy Bagley will look into the cost of these two items. Chairperson Klett asked members to continue to think about this for more discussion at the next meeting.

b. Flu Shots.

It was reported that all flu shots have been canceled for the Town of Wethersfield. As more information becomes available, it will be passed out to the community.

5. Reports.

a. Social Services.

Nancy Stilwell reported that they are continuing to evaluate the dial-a-ride operation and that they are looking into making available rides for the election.

b. Senior Center.

Donna Mattison reported that a joint October Fest will be held with the Towns of Wethersfield, Newington and Glastonbury here in Wethersfield. Also, the Senior Net computers will be replaced.

c. Wethersfield Housing Authority.

Kathy Lieberman reported that everything is OK with the Housing Authority and they are sponsoring an inter-generational program with Silas Deane Middle School.

d. AARP.

Jane Helen Ross reported that they had a great trip to New York City to see "Mama Mia" and lunch on Tavern on the Green

e. Elderly Services Coordinator.

Christine Taylor reported that they are beginning to gear up for the energy assistance program. The programs are changing and income levels will be a little different for the program. Social Services staff are preparing outreach programs for the seniors and "Friendly Visitor/Friendly Shopper" training will be held November 10 in conjunction with the Town of Newington. Mrs. Taylor also distributed the Municipal Agent's report on the elderly in the community to all committee members.

f. People with Disabilities.

Mrs. Taylor reported that they are working on a resource handbook for their clients. Their meeting in January will be on transportation and they will be inviting Nancy Stilwell and Bonnie Therrien to discuss this issue. Their Thanksgiving and holiday parties have been set up for this year.

g. Senior Citizens' Club.

Grace Piencikowski reported that they are getting many new members and things are going well with the club.

6. Adjournment.

Jane Helen Ross moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Grace Piencikowski and voted unanimously.

Submitted by

Kathleen Bagley, Director

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