

## Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - Thursday, November 18, 2004

The meeting was opened by Mrs. Jane Helen Ross at 3:00 p.m. at the Pitkin Community Center. Members present were: Grace Piacikowski, Estelle Knurek, Jane Helen Ross, Donna Mattison, Christine S. Taylor, Adele Antoniou, Seth English

Also attending were Nancy Stilwell, Director of Social and Youth Services Department, Mary Thibeault, Director of the Wethersfield Center; and guest speaker, Jim Klentz, member of the Strategic Planning Committee.

Absent were: Kathleen Bagley, Kathy Lieberman; Janet Klett and Betty Smith; John Casio could not attend.

1. [Minutes - Thursday Oct 21, 2004](#) were approved by Grace Piacikowski

The motion was voted by Donna Mattison and voted unanimously with one correction made where Christine S. Taylor will check out the costs of the brochures for the Friendly Visitor Friendly Shopper program instead of Nancy Stilwell.

At this time, acting Chairperson Jane Helen Ross introduced Mr. Jim Klynch member of the Strategic Planning Committee. Mr. Klynch provided information on the 1995 institutional State Statute. He was present to obtain input from the Committee regarding the Strategic Plan for the Town. The Town Manager will use this collective input as a vehicle for the Town's Budget. He stated there were two goals for the Strategic Planning Committee:

1. To obtain clear understanding of public facilities to determine needs and improvements; and
2. To coordinate senior groups to provide input to the committee.

He mentioned nothing in the plan mentioned Dial-A-Ride transportation or affordable housing. He mentioned that if this input is not included in the plan the Town Manager will not obtain this input. Mr. Klynch left copies of the 1995 and 2004 Strategic Plans.

2. Chairperson's Report

Mrs. Jane Helen Ross reported she attended the AARP annual Conference in Southington, CT. Christine S. Taylor mentioned she received an email from their new Director of the Hartford Artisan's Center. Trish Hesslein invited Committee members to tour her facility. Her phone number is (860) 769-3876.

3. Old Business

- a. Donations in memory of William Mistick

Mary Thibeault, and Grace Piacikowski reported that the steel cart which would be used for Bingo costs approximately \$401.12 Grace and Mary felt this cart (see picture A in diagram) would be the best. The Rubbermaid cart costs \$242.43 and scratches and gets dirty easily.

Donna Mattison reported on the trays for the Senior Center and obtained prices/ information from Mr. Trophy

14" tray costs \$13.90

12" tray costs \$11.40

10" tray costs \$9.85

\$0.18 per letter is the cost to engrave the tray.

Grace Piacikowski suggested a plaque be purchased to honor Mr. Mislick. Mary Thibeault suggested the plaque could be placed near the west wing of the Community Center.

The Committee members further discussed uses of the donated money. Mrs. Jane Helen Ross will have

Janet Klett look over all information regarding suggestions using the donated money.

#### 4. Reports

##### a. Social Services/ Senior Center Report

Donna Mattison reported that the Halloween Party was well attended.

On 11/16 she had a representative of the University of CT Health Center Library. A discussion revolved around the Consumer Information Health Network.

On 11/18 speakers: James Allen and Dallas Cyr discussed "Protecting Your Assets".

On 11/29 a holiday party was held with music by the Jarvis Orchestra. The new computers have arrived and classes begin from February through June 2005. Registration for the classes will be held on December 16 from 1-3pm in Room S-1 of the Senior Center.

Nancy Stilwell - Director of Social and Youth Services reported that 100 meals were distributed to Family and Individuals for Thanksgiving

##### b. Council Liaison

No reports, Mr. Casio was not present

##### c. Wethersfield Housing Authority

No Report. Kathy Liberman was not present

##### d. Clergy Representative

Seth English is the Committee's new representative for clergy. The committee welcomed him.

##### e. AARP

Estelle Knurek mentioned she attended the AARP luncheon and also about the program held at the community center on depression. She mentioned the speaker was very good.

##### f. Elderly Services coordinator/ municipal agent

The coordinator reported that the Community Renewal Team Energy Assistance Programs has begun and to date there are around 75 people who have applied. The coordinator and Municipal agent for the elderly informed the committee that Flu Shots are available under certain criteria to seniors over 75 years of age and older. Seniors who are interested need to contact the central CT. Health District and schedule an appointment to obtain the shot. The coordinator mentioned she attended the CT. Whitehouse on Aging in Bridgeport, CT last week. Also, 10 volunteers were trained on Nov 10th for the Friendly Visitor/ Friendly Shopper Volunteer Program.

##### g. People with Disabilities

The Elderly Coordinator is the liaison for this committee and reported that their committee has two holiday programs planned for Nov 22 and December 20.

##### h. Wethersfield Senior Club

Grace Piencikowski- President of the Club reported that the holiday party will be held on 12/8/04. She mentioned she attended the Ground Breaking Ceremony of the Nature Center and that new members are

joining the club all the time.

The Committee voted to cancel the December meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.