

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Present: Kathi Liberman, Jane-Helen Ross, Millie Cournoyer, Donna Mattison, Estelle Knurek, Joe Mehan, Claire Mehan, Adele Antoniou, Kathy Bagley, Gerry Seklicki, Christine Taylor, Barbara Higbee, Nancy Stilwell (ex-officio)

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

Minutes: A motion to accept the September minutes was made by Jane Helen Ross and seconded by Claire Mehan. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Old Business: A discussion was held regarding the choice of topic for the spring educational event. It was agreed that the topic would be "Being A Smart Consumer" A motion to that effect was made by Claire Mehan, second by Adele Antoniou, and it was passed unanimously. It was also decided that the event would be held either the week of April 25th or the week of May 23rd, however, there was general agreement that April would be preferable if speakers can be found for that time.

At this point, Kathy Bagley conducted the focus group for the Graustein Memorial Foundation grant on issues related to children, birth through age 8 in Wethersfield.

At the conclusion of the focus group, committee reports were presented:

New Business:

- Council – No report
- Housing - Kathi Liberman reported that the Housing Authority had a successful Veteran's Day event with speakers on services for veterans and someone from the American Legion. They continue to work with Social Services to facilitate taking energy assistance applications. They are having a Thanksgiving lunch and the next Seniors and Students events will occur in December. Food Share continues to draw many clients with the Mobile Food Share program. They are getting new heating and air conditioning in some units.
- Clergy – No report
- AARP – Millie Cournoyer reported that they are working to resist attempts to make driving tests mandatory for older seniors. They are also warning seniors about invitations for free lunches that sometimes include pressure to invest in certain plans. They donated 6 turkeys.
- WACPD – They held their holiday dinner on 11/16 and were pleased that younger people and their parents participated. They also have a new booklet out with updated information on services for people with disabilities.
- Senior Club – Barbara Higbee reported that they are planning their Christmas party on December 15th. It will be a dinner and the cost is \$20 per person.
- Senior Center – Donna Mattison reported that they are trying some new activities during the winter and that line dancing may continue if enough people are interested.
- Elderly Services – Christine Taylor reported that this is open enrollment time for Medicare Part D and ConnPace. Operation Fuel starts Dec 1st, but this year, it will only serve people who heat with oil.

- Social and Youth Services – Nancy Stilwell reported that the Department remains very busy and demand for food bank, energy assistance and financial help are very high. The Thanksgiving food drive and turkey distribution will take place this Saturday, 11/20.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Claire Mehan and seconded by Jane Helen Ross. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Stilwell, Ph.D.