

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes
Thursday, February 17, 2011

Present: Kathi Liberman, Jane-Helen Ross, Donna Mattison, Carol Tedone, Gerri Roberts, Estelle Knurek, Joe Mehan, Claire Mehan, Christine Taylor, Kathy Bagley, Nancy Stilwell (ex-officio)

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

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

Old Business: Donna Mattison presented an update on the spring educational event which will be held on April 26th: “Being a Smart Safe Consumer.” There will be a keynote speaker from the Attorney General’s office and 5 panelists; who will focus on: Financial issues (credit banking, etc); George Gombossy on Home improvement (contractors, scams, etc); Jim Darby from WPD on Senior Safety (crime prevention); and other speakers on Phone, Mail, and Internet solicitations and identity theft. The raffle prizes will be a shredder and file organizers. Donna is working on getting a business or organization to sponsor at least a portion of the cost of a shredder truck to be available at the event.

Donna also reported that Atria assisted living will provide food for the Senior Volunteer Recognition event on April 7th.

New Business: Donna reported that \$1,001 has been spent and \$999 remains in the SCAC account. Of that amount, 400 is encumbered for the Rare Reminder announcements and \$599 is the balance.

Committee Reports:

- Council – Gerri Roberts reported that the Town Council is beginning work on the budget. It has been mentioned that Chris Skowronek from Center Point Church might be willing to serve as the clergy rep on the SCAC.
- Housing - Kathi Liberman reported that there was a successful Seniors and Students Valentine Bingo event. They have handled the snow issues and are still taking applications for housing.
- Clergy – No report
- AARP – Jane Helen Ross reported that the Rocky Hill chapter is merging with Wethersfield and they are looking to elect new officers for the coming year.
- Elderly Services – Chris Taylor reported that she continues to see more families of seniors with dementia looking for services, especially respite services for caregivers. She provided a legislative update including an increase in “money follows the person” for people being discharged from nursing homes and needing in home services.
- WACPD – The annual meeting on transportation will be on March 16th at First Church Village.
- Senior Club – There will be a luncheon to honor their volunteers next week and a corned beef dinner is planned for March 16th.

- Social Services – Donna reminded everyone that the senior and youth volunteer recognition events will be separate this year. Nancy reported that the Dial-a-Ride bids are being reviewed. She also noted that the Department is experiencing some personnel shifts with Lori being moved to Engineering and Brenda moving to full time.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jane Helen Ross and seconded by Claire Mehan. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

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