

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

Thursday, May 16, 2013

**Present:** Kathi Liberman, Christine Taylor, Lisa Galipo, Joe Mehan, Claire Mehan, Chris Skowronek, Kathy Bagley

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the April meeting were read by Lisa Galipo and approved unanimously: motion by Claire Mehan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Christine Taylor.

**Old Business:**

- The CarFit program held on May 11 was a huge success. CarFit staff stated we had the largest turnout of any group so far. Several participants thanked us for sponsoring the event and asked if this would be an annual event.
- Plans are underway for the Volunteer Recognition Event scheduled for June 11, 2013. Newington Health Care will provide a chocolate fountain.
- There are still a few openings on our SCAC. Each member was asked to keep this in mind during the Summer months when are are not meeting and perhaps invite possible new members to attend our next meeting in September.
- Financial Update: Lisa reported there is \$342.18 left in our account which needs to be allocated by June 30. The following items were discussed:
  - The committee voted to allocate \$100.18 to the Volunteer Recognition Event. Motion made by Claire Mehan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Skowronek.
  - The committee voted to allocate the balance (\$242) towards the purchase of a portable PA system. This would be used primarily by (but not limited exclusively to) the RhythAires, the seniors choral group. The group has become very popular and is performing twice each month for various organizations. Lisa Galipo has done some preliminary research on this and will work with Chris Skowronek to make a final selection. Motion made by Lisa Galipo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Taylor.
  - Movie License. Lisa would like to start showing movies at the center. She has checked into getting a license and using various equipment within the center. After much discussion, she agreed to check further into the legal requirements and report back to the committee.

**New Business:** none

**Committee Reports:**

- Council Liaison – no report

- Wethersfield Housing Authority: Kathi Liberman reported
  - an alarm system and window replacements were recently installed at 60 Lancaster.
  - all housing authority buildings are now Smoke-Free.
- Clergy – no report
- Elderly Services Coordinator/Municipal Agent: Chris Taylor reported
  - the Energy Program has ended.
  - Operation Fuel applications are still being processed.
  - CT has joined with other states and the federal government in a \$500 million settlement with Ranbaxy, a generic pharmaceutical manufacturer based in India. Of the \$500 million in national recovery, \$266 million is for state Medicaid programs. CT's Medical Assistance Program is eligible for a combined state and federal reimbursement of \$1,499,010, of which \$751,626 will go to the state.
- People with Disabilities: Chris Taylor reported
  - Hartford Hospital has been designated #1 Center for Stroke Support; Yale is #2.
  - At the WACPD meeting on May 15, the mayor read a proclamation honoring the JETS Club for receiving national recognition for their design project.
  - The TR and WACPD picnic is scheduled for July 10.
- Wethersfield Seniors Club: Joe Mehan reported
  - election of new officers for the upcoming year (2013-2014) took place on May 15. An Officers Installation Lunch is scheduled for June 12.
  - membership in the club is currently at 364.
- Social Services/Senior Center: Lisa Galipo reported
  - a new class in Chair Yoga is scheduled for June 17.
  - work continues on the Volunteer Program scheduled for June 11 at 2:00 p.m.
  - there is interest in setting up a “Take One, Leave One” book table. Lisa is looking for a small bookcase to get the project started.

The next meeting is September 19, 2013.

A motion to adjourn was made by Joe Mehan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Taylor. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Mehan, member At-Large