

SENIOR CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2007 MEETING

Present - Members: Kathi Liberman, Jane-Helen Ross, Donna R. Mattison, Claire Mehan, Joe Mehan, Kathy Bagley, Chris S. Taylor, Elizabeth Smith

Guests: Ed Dombroskas, Seniors Job Bank; Sandy Matteson, Patients' Choice; Emily Piasecki, WHS Student; Pasquale Ludiciani, Community College Student

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Chairperson Kathi Liberman. Guests and Committee members were introduced.

Public Comments

Ed Dombroskas, Executive Director, Seniors Job Bank, provided an overview of this resource for individuals over 55 seeking employment and individuals and businesses seeking persons for a specific job. The Seniors Job Bank is a 31 year old agency located in West Hartford that serves the greater Hartford area.

Sandy Matteson of Patients' Choice distributed brochures on this new home care agency based in Wethersfield. She noted that the agency is nurse owned and serves only adults.

Minutes

Jane Helen Ross moved that the minutes of the February 15, 2007, meeting be accepted as printed. The motion was seconded by Claire Mehan and passed unanimously.

Old Business

Donna Mattison reported that the three quotes for reprinting the SCAC Brochure ranged from \$400 to \$455 for 5,000 copies. By using the lower paper weight (60#) the Committee is able to stay within budget and order the same number as when the brochure was last printed in 2003. A copy of the revised brochure was shared with all Committee members to assist with the final editing.

Jane-Helen Ross moved that, using the lowest bidder, the Committee proceed with the purchase of the 5,000 brochures. The motion was seconded by Chris Taylor and passed unanimously.

New Business

Chris Taylor announced that she has invited Probate Court Judge Robert A. Randich to speak to the Committee at the March meeting.

Reports

AARP - Jane Helen Ross shared that the attendance was good at the February meeting. A presentation about VNA services was well received. Upcoming trips are an Irish program in March and a trip to New York City in April to see "Mary Poppins". Mrs. Ross also noted that a representative from the AARP group also recently spoke at the Legislature protesting high energy costs.

Wethersfield Housing Authority - Kathi Liberman shared that the joint program between WHA seniors and Silas Deane Middle School students is going well; for the April program the seniors are going to the school. She thanked the S&YS Dept staff for their support and the use of the van to transport the seniors to SDMS. On February 13 Ms.

Liberman attended some of the legislative hearings held by the Committee on Aging and provided testimony.

Council Liaison - No report.

Social Services/Senior Center - Donna Mattison shared that a program on Brain Exercises presented earlier this month by Maribeth Dwane, Wethersfield Health Care Center, was well attended and enjoyed by all. The hope is that some of the attendees will join the twice a month game afternoon at the Senior Center. A Music and the Arts program is scheduled for Monday, March 26 at 1 pm. A vocalist and guitarist will provide the music and the paintings by the Senior Center Art class will be on display.

Clergy Representative - No report.

Elderly Services Coordinator/Municipal Agent - Chris Taylor reported the following:

- reviewed and distributed an update of current legislation;
- announced training for Friendly Visitors/Friendly Shoppers scheduled for 4/26/07 and training for Friendly Drivers scheduled for 5/24/07 (anyone interested should call her at 721.2977) and distributed news releases for these programs;
- noted resources of the Kinship Navigator program available through Info Line at 211;
- announced the availability of a church youth program to provide chore services/rehab projects for homeowners who are 60 or over (call her at 721.2977 for more information); and
- read an appeal from the Center for Medicare Advocacy asking seniors and senior advocates to request that the federal government stop the privatization of Medicare.

People with Disabilities - Chris Taylor shared that subsequent to their meeting in January regarding transportation issues, Nancy Stilwell, Director, S&YS, continues to actively monitor and work toward resolution of any ongoing issues.

Wethersfield Seniors Club - President Carol Tedone was not present. Joe Mehan, coordinator of the Seniors Club Setback group, noted that the pizza event that the Bingo group had scheduled for 2/14 was cancelled because of weather and it would probably be rescheduled. He shared that the Setback group has a luncheon scheduled for Friday, February 23rd.

There were no announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna R. Mattison
Senior Center Coordinator