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SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEEETING

Thursday, October 19, 2006

Present: Jane Helen G. Ross, Grace Piencikowski, Carol Tedone Gerry Seklecki; Kathi Liberman, Chris S. Taylor, Donna Mattison, Estelle Knurek, Nancy Stilwell, Kathy Bagley, Elizabeth K. Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Vice-Chair Jane Helen Ross.

Public Comments:

None.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Chris Taylor and seconded by Estelle Knurek to accept [the minutes of the September 21, 2006 meeting](#). This motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

A Committee alternate had expressed interest in serving as the Committee Chairperson; Kathy Bagley clarified that an alternate cannot hold this position. Kathi Liberman volunteered to be Acting Chairperson as the Committee continues to pursue election of a permanent Chairperson. Donna Mattison moved that Kathi Liberman be designated as Acting Chairperson of the SCAC; this motion was seconded by Gerry Seklecki and passed unanimously.

The Committee thanked Jane Helen Ross for chairing the meetings for the past several months in her role as Vice Chairperson. Acting Chairperson, Kathi Liberman, assumed her role and chaired the rest of the meeting.

New Business:

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Informational Brochure - Donna Mattison advised that the supply of the brochure completed in 2003 is very low. She suggested that the Committee consider using a portion of, or the entire, unallocated monies from the 2006-2007 budget to revise and reprint the brochure. A copy of the brochure was given to all Committee members present with the request to review and make suggested changes on the areas that pertain to their particular group or organization. Donna Mattison will research the cost and number of brochures printed in 2003.

Election of Secretary - No one has volunteered for this position. Nancy Stilwell agreed to prepare minutes for meetings from November 06 through June 07. Gerry Seklecki said she would consider the Secretary position beginning in September 07.

Reports:

Wethersfield Housing Authority - Kathi Liberman reported that WHA is busy preparing for events during the Holiday season and that a Flu Clinic is coming up soon for residents.

AARP - Gerry Seklecki reviewed the various organizations that were recipients of donations made by AARP for the year that ended June 06. Estelle Knurek shared that the Fund Raising Fair for AARP is scheduled for Monday, October 30, 2006.

Elderly Services Coordinator/Municipal Agent - Chris Taylor reported:

- the CRT Assistance program has begun and outreach visits are scheduled encouraged all to review this booklet for changes effective January 2007.
- she attended the Medicare Advantage Program at the Senior Center and it was very informative for her and several others who attended
- she will be attending the Medicare Part for 2007 program at the Senior Center on 10/26/06 at 1 pm and she suggested that other members may be interested and encouraged them to share this information with the groups they represent
- shared the website address and toll free numbers for individuals to obtain information on Medicare changes for 2007
- noted that the Medicare and You for 2007 handbooks should be in the mail shortly

People with Disabilities - Chris Taylor reported that this group is discussing publishing their newly revised handbook in Braille and/or making an audio edition; holiday parties are scheduled for 11/21 and 12/19; the Therapeutic Recreation scheduled was shared with this group by Natalie Morrison.

Seniors Club - Carol Tedone reported that receipts for the Craft Fair of 10/18/06 totaled \$650 and they had about 140 folks at Bingo on 10/18. The total membership is about 600.

Social Services/Senior Center - Nancy Stilwell reported that the Volunteer Driver program is temporarily delayed because of family illness of one of the key developers. She shared that the S&YS department is gearing up for the two Holiday Giving programs: 1)Turkeys and accompanying foods are being collected and will be distributed to identified families/seniors on Saturday, November 18 2)Holiday "wish/need" lists are being collected from families in need of assistance and these "wishes/needs" are being shared with individual or groups who wish to make donations to the Holiday Giving program. She noted that Marita McHugh is the primary for those who wish to make a donation to these programs or the routing Food and Clothing Bank of the Department. Donna Mattison had no additional information to share from the Senior Center.

No representatives from the Council or the Clergy were present.

Announcements:

Jane Helen Ross shared information that Maribeth Dwane had given to her--On Friday, November 10, Chief Cetran is presenting a seminar at the Wethersfield Health Care Center titled, "Keeping Your Community Safe".

Donna Mattison noted that the Central CT Health District has scheduled the first Flu Clinic for Tuesday, October 31 from 1-4 pm at the Pitkin Community Center. The next clinics will be scheduled for Rocky Hill and Newington and the goal is to then schedule a second clinic for Wethersfield. Individuals can go to any Clinic in the District.

Donna Mattison also announced that Granberry Homes on Ridge Road has scheduled an Open House for anyone interested in taking a tour and/or learning more about this new condominium community. It is for Thursday, October 26 from 10am to 2 pm.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Jane Helen Ross and seconded by Gerry Seklecki to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 pm. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna R. Mattison

