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SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

Thursday, March 18, 2004

Present: Jane-Helen Ross, Estelle Knurek, Donna Mattison, Christine Taylor, Kathi Liberman, Sue Miller, Grace Piencikowski, Betty Smith, and Kathy Bagley.

Absent: Janet Klett, Kitch Czernicki, Marion Conroy, Adele Antoniou, John Cascio.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Jane-Helen Ross (filling in for Janet Klett). The minutes of the last meeting were passed out because they were not mailed. They were ready by all and a motion to accept the minutes was made by Grace Piencikowski and seconded by Christine Taylor.

Chairperson's report: No Report

Old Business: Janet Klett went to the Town Council Meeting on March 15th and discussed the loss of revenue due to no longer a glass show. She also reported Mr. Lee Sekas was concerned about the transportation problem for Senior Citizens.

Donna Mattison brought and passed around two recipes from family relatives. These delicious recipes were an introduction on the procedure we could use for our fundraising project, to make up for the loss of money due to the Glass Show. The loss is \$600.00, and Family Recipes with stories in a cookbook were suggested. Sub Committees from different groups, ex: Senior, AARP, etc., were suggested by Kathy Bagley. Kathy also spoke of the expense involved. The entire proposal was tabled until the next meeting,

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

Christine Taylor, Elderly Services Coordinator and Municipal Agent for the Elderly reported there is a new Case Manager employed by Social Services, namely, Marita McHugh. Let's hope this will lighten up the work for Christine.

Chris reported, Matt Catalano, Director of Admissions, confirmed Wethersfield Health Care Center is the name of the former Mediplex of Wethersfield.

Chris reported the 5th Annual Wheelchair and Mobility Expo 2004 will be Friday, April 2, 2004 10-3 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel, Cromwell Ct. There will be a guest appearance by Brad Davis, door prizes, free wheelchair inspection, free admission and open to the public.

Chris distributed interesting facts about older adults. Among them the 60 and over represent 17.7% of the total population or 601,835 people in Connecticut. There are also applications and information update on ConnPace available at the Social Services Department. Also, on May 11th at 1:00 p.m. at the Pitkin Community Center, Sharon Garrard will present a topic on changes in Medicare and a second topic at 2:30 p.m. will be about Fall Prevention. Both programs are free and opened to the public.

Senior Club: Grace Piencikowski reported the Bingo charge increase from \$1.00 to \$2.00 will be discussed at their next Board meeting. Walk-ins pay \$2.00 and are welcomed.

Senior Center: Donna Mattison spoke about their craft programs. On March 17th 77 cards and decorations were delivered to the Wethersfield Health Care Center. The Center has at least 10 to 20 new members each month.

The 55 Alive Program is still in need of a program leader, or there will be no program. The April 2004 Newsletter was distributed and Jane Ross and Estelle Knurek took several of them to bring to their church.

Social and Youth Services: No Report

Council Liaison: No Report

Housing: Things are going well was stated by Kathi Liberman.

Clergy: No report

WACPD: Fliers were distributed about the Wethersfield Stroke Club Joan Haines at (860) 529-2281 is the contact person on information at VNA.

Kathy Bagley announced the playground near Willard Pool will be ready in May.

AARP: The March 19th trip to the Log Cabin to see Hal Roach was a great success. The Slate of Officers for next year is being selected and announced at our April meeting. Our Mystery Trip in April is filled. Everyone loves a mystery!!

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Estelle Knurek