

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes
Thursday, March 19, 2009

Present: Kathi Liberman, Carol Tedone, Joe Mehan, Claire Mehan, Gerri Roberts (Council Liaison), Jane-Helen Ross, Estelle Knurek, Donna Mattison, Marybeth Dwayne, Kathy Bagley, Christine Taylor, Gerry Seklecki, Adele Antoniou, Nancy Stilwell (ex-officio)

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 PM.

Minutes: A motion to accept the January minutes was made by Jane Helen Ross. The minutes were approved.

Old Business:

- The spring educational workshop to be held on May 7th, 2:00 – 4:00 PM is still on target. There was recently an article in Wethersfield Life on the program. Dr. Ken has agreed to videotape the presentation.
- Volunteer Recognition Night planning is moving ahead for April 23rd. Invitations will be sent within the next couple of weeks.

New Business: None

Reports:

- Council – Gerri Roberts reported that the Town Council is awaiting the Manager's Budget and will then work toward a final budget.
- Wethersfield Housing Authority – Kathi Liberman reported on intergenerational programs. One was held this week (bingo) and another is planned. First Church will be doing community outreach day on May 16th. Housing Authority Executive Direct Jane Rosendahl will be retiring in June.
- Clergy – no report
- AARP – Jane Helen Ross reported that AARP is doing better. Gerri Roberts has agreed to be the next president so they have a full slate of officers.
- Elderly Service – Chris Taylor reported that the UM Army will be doing a week of volunteer work for local homeowners and renters this summer. Operation Inasmuch will do a similar one day program. She reported the due to budget cuts, the Friendly Shopper and Visitor program will be phased out – no new volunteers will be trained and matched after this fiscal year. CRT has extended their deadline for oil customer applications from March 16 to March 31st. TV converter coupons will be available and the deadline for conversion has been moved to June 12th. She also gave an update on CONNPACE and insurance options.
- WACPD – Chris Taylor reported that the annual meeting devoted to transportation issues will take place tonight, Thursday, March 19th, 7:00 PM at First Church Village – 117 Wells Rd.
- Seniors Club – Carol Tedone reported that the corned beef and cabbage dinner on March 11th was well attended.

- Social Services/Senior Center –Donna Mattison reported that the new line dancing instructor is working out well. There are two upcoming programs, one on prescription drugs: generic vs. name brand, and another on organizing and preparing important legal papers.
- Nancy Stilwell provided an update on ITN which is getting ready to launch, but is still awaiting the official 501 (c) 3 (non-profit) designation and insurance coverage. She also talked about what will happen if the Dial-a-Ride expansion grant is not funded.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joe Mehan and seconded by Jane Helen Ross. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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