

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes
Thursday, November 17, 2011

Present: Kathi Liberman, Jane-Helen Ross, Donna Mattison, Claire Mehan, Joe Mehan, Christine Taylor, Kathy Bagley, Chris Skowronek, Barbara Higbee, Millie Cournoyer, Adele Antoniou, Nancy Stilwell (ex-officio)

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM.

Minutes: Minutes from the October , 2011 meeting were approved: motion by Jane Helen Ross, 2nd by Barbara Higbee

Old Business: Planning for the spring educational event is ongoing. The subcommittee will meet next Monday, 11/21.

Nancy Stilwell reported that Infoshred has declined to provide a truck for the April 24th event. They sent a letter which was read; they claim that since they did not bill us for the event last April when the shredding truck was unavailable and papers were taken to their plant to be shredded, that they owe nothing and are not obligated to provide services. There is no legal recourse, so it was agreed that unless funds are available, shredding will not be provided at the April event.

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

- Council – No report.
 - Housing - Kathi Liberman reported that there was wide spread and significant damage from the Halloween weekend storm. They are in the process of recovery.
 - Clergy – Chris Skowronek reported that St. Paul’s Lutheran Church is planning an ecumenical Thanksgiving service and dinner on Nov 22nd.
 - Elderly Services – Chris Taylor reported that 115 residents were served by the energy blitz on Nov 9th. Medicare D enrollment is ongoing and will end Dec 7th.
 - WACPD – There was a well attended Thanksgiving meal on 11/16 with over 100 in attendance. There will be a holiday party on 12/5.
 - Senior Club – Barbara Higbee reported that they received a \$1000 donation. A Christmas dinner is planned. There will be a holiday bingo party on 12/14 and a setback party on 12/16.
 - Social Services – Donna mentioned that several buildings that house elderly residents were without heat or power for an extended period following the storm. There is also the issue that some seniors cannot get to the shelter and there is no formal transportation system to deal with that.
- Nancy Stilwell and Kathy Bagley reported on the operation of the shelter during the storm. Nancy also reported that entitlement funds for energy have been substantially cut and many may not be able to heat their homes during the winter. Programs that teach and assist with conservation were discussed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Millie Cournoyer and 2nd by Christine Taylor. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy A. Stilwell, Ph.D.
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