

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

Thursday, April 21, 2011

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM.

Minutes: A motion to accept the February minutes was made by Jane Helen Ross and seconded by Barbara Higbee. The minutes were approved unanimously..

Old Business: Donna Mattison presented an update on the spring educational event which will be held on April 26th: “Being a Smart Safe Consumer.” There are 70 people signed up thus far and everything seems ready to go.

New Business: Committee membership: Chris Skowronek will be clergy rep, a new alternate will be needed to fill Gerry Seklecki’s place and Ann Cameron will be the new AARP president and representative on the committee. Joe Mehan reported that he is writing a newsletter on Senior Club activities and events. He also mentioned that the Set Back group is holding a “royal wedding” reception.

Committee Reports:

- Council – No report
- Housing - Kathi Liberman reported that they are finishing up the new heating and air conditioning installations at the Housing Authority.
- Clergy – No report
- AARP – Millie Cournoyer reported that AARP is fighting the move to reduce home care reimbursement. The state wants to cut 25% of transportation funds, however, that will not affect Wethersfield’s basic DAR program which is town funded. Ann Cameron will be the new AARP president.
- Elderly Services – Chris Taylor reported that the energy program ends May 1st. Operation Fuel has only \$800 allotted which will serve 4 households at \$200 per. Renter Rebate begins May 15th. UM ARMY applications are still being taken for those who need maintenance and home repairs. NCAAA is sponsoring an essay contest on connectedness.
- WACPD meeting last night – no quorum
- Senior Club – Barbara Higbee reported that they are working on nominations for next year’s officers and there will be a banquet on June 8th.
- Social Services – Donna reported that the art program has been discontinued due to low attendance, line dancing may also be dropped for the same reason. Belly dancing has increased to 15 people. There was a very good turnout for the Senior Volunteer Recognition event with positive feedback from those who attended. Nancy reported that a panel will interview two bidders for the Dial-a-Ride program next week and a recommendation will be sent to Council after that.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jane Helen Ross and seconded by Joe Mehan. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

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