

## SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Minutes

Thursday, March 20, 2014

**Present:** Kathi Liberman, Christine Taylor, Lisa Galipo, Joe Mehan, Claire Mehan, Kathy Bagley, Tony Martino, Adele Antoniou, Barbara Higbee, Agnes Bolasevich, Caroline Tedone.

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

**Minutes:** Minutes from the February 20, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously: motion by Adele Antoniou, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Higbee.

### **Old Business:**

- **Committee Membership:** Kathi Liberman reminded us that there are still openings for members in Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. Possible candidates should be invited to attend any upcoming meetings to determine their interest in joining.
- **Financial Update:** Lisa Galipo reported there is a balance of \$997 left in our account. After the next three ads are paid for in the Rare Reminder, the balance will be \$697. It was voted on and accepted that \$150 be designated for the Volunteer Recognition Program scheduled for June 3 and \$150 for the annual Spring educational program scheduled for May 19.

### **New Business:**

- **Update from Planning Committee for SCAC Spring 2014 event:**
  - Lisa Galipo reported that several vendors have already expressed an interest in exhibiting at the “Happy Trails to You” program scheduled for May 19 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. She is still looking for a representative from the Wine/Vineyard Trail to participate. Lisa also read the letter she will be sending to all exhibitors regarding set-up procedures.
  - Kathy Bagley explained the policy regarding serving liquor at the Pitkin Community Center. Lisa Galipo said she would check with Olde Burnside Brewery in East Hartford regarding insurance coverage.
  - Kathy Liberman reported that the Seniors Club donated money for refreshments at this event.
  - Joe Mehan showed a draft of the poster for this event. A few minor changes were suggested. The final poster will be presented at next month's SCAC meeting.
- **Update from Planning Committee for Volunteer Recognition Program:**
  - Lisa Galipo reported that the program date has been set for June 3. She will check into having Laura Lee present “Laughter Yoga” as the entertainment.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Council Liaison:** Tony Martino reported:
  - the budget process is gearing up.
  - The “Coffee with the Mayor” sessions are underway.

- Wethersfield Housing Authority: Kathi Liberman reported
  - the recertification process is underway.
- Clergy: Joe Mehan reported for Pastor Chris Skowronek:
  - CenterPoint Community Church has two upcoming events scheduled: “Buying Your Old Gold” fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday, March 30, and “Spring Tag Sale” is scheduled for Saturday May 3. Both events at CenterPoint Community Church at 840 Silas Deane Highway are open to the public.
- Elderly Services Coordinator/Municipal Agent: Chris Taylor reported
  - The CRT program has received over 400 applicants. Deadline for applying is May 1.
  - Renters Rebate Program is scheduled to start April 1.
  - Copies of the Public Transportation User Survey were distributed.
- Senior Center Activities: Lisa Galipo reported:
  - Pierce Campbell is the scheduled entertainer for April 7 at 1:00 pm.
  - The sale of pies from Lyman Orchards was a successful fundraiser for the Senior Center. 75 pies were sold.
  - The “Lunch & Learn” series continues with (1) Master Gardener Rose Riley on Monday, April 21, talking about the new annuals available this year and planting in containers, and (2) Attorney Sharon Pope from Czepiga, Daly & Pope on Monday, May 6 speaking about protecting your retirement assets. “Lunch & Learn” program are from 12 – 1 pm. Free lunch is included, but you must call 860-721-2979 to register at least one business day in advance.
- Wethersfield Seniors Club: Agnes Bolasevich:
  - The annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef lunch by Michael's Caterer was a huge success.
  - The Seniors Club is looking for someone to schedule trips for the seniors.

The next meeting is April 17, 2014 at 3:00 pm. Immediately followed by a meeting of the Planning Committee for “Happy Trails to You”.

A motion to adjourn was made by Agnes Bolasevich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Higbee. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Mehan, member At-Large