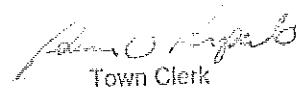


COMMISSION ON AGING AND DISABLED
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 6, 2019

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Town Clerk

MEMBERS PRESENT

Karen Brecher
Kathy Sobieski
Terri Lapenta-Duffek (left at 6:45 PM)
Therese Nadeau (on telephone)
Mary Udice

MEMBERS ABSENT

Patricia Hanbury
Jerilyn Nagel
Maureen Lynch
Sandy Nafis

STAFF

Dianne Stone
Jaime Trevethan
Gail Whitney

TOWN COUNCIL LIAISONS

Gail Budrejko

TOWN COUNCIL LIAISONS ABSENT

Carol Anest

I. CALL TO ORDER

Karen Brecher called the Commission on Aging and Disabled meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation. Gail Budrejko mentioned that Carol Anest had shoulder surgery and Karen asked that a get well card be sent to her from the Commission.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2019

The Commissioners approved the minutes of February 6, 2019.

V. STAFF REPORT

Dianne reported that February was a good month with lots of programs including the healthy brain series which took place from January through February and had 27 people in attendance, tech help program held twice a month, needle felt craft, American History series, cupcake social with trivia, Good Life Fitness through Hartford HealthCare who are becoming more active in the community, Veteran's Coffee Hour, card craft. March programs include paint and sip art class (with coffee) – as a side note Dianne mentioned that environmentally friendly coffee cups were researched and they are very expensive – paper cups are not recyclable because they have a plastic lining. The Center is looking to having the

Environmental Commission do a program on recycling. On March 15th the State Representatives will be holding a program. Dianne mentioned a bill before the legislature regarding senior centers. The bill asks for one field representative position to provide support across the state. At the present time Dial-A-Ride services are not allowed to transport from nursing homes. Dial-A-Ride is meant to keep people living in their community and providing them transportation. A new bill would allow nursing homes to provide non-medical transportation and bill people for it. The legislature did establish a task force regarding transportation and Dianne will be appointed to this task force which will work on the needs and resources of transportation. Other March programs include a heart healthy, and a chef demo. The gardeners will be holding a program at the Library in March. On April 1st there will be a program on "cutting the cord" regarding cable services. The carpet in the main office has been fixed, and over the weekend the carpets were cleaned.

A. Door Counters

For the month of February the count was 7,101; last year for the month of February it was 7,411. The new scanner was installed today. Membership had dipped from 1400 to 1100, however the number is back up to 1400 after people who did not renew were contacted and reminded that their membership had lapsed.

VI. MONTHLY TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Dianne did not have a copy of the Town Manager's report to distribute, but indicated that the Commissioners can go online to the Town Manager's report to read it.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Self-Assessment

Dianne reported that the self-assessment has been completed and the first binder is finished; she will review and make the other binders and then they will be sent off.

B. Purchase Requests

Dianne updated the Commissioners on the accounts: coffee shop \$12,622, gift shop \$44,637, membership \$62,257, donation \$15,026 for a total of approximately \$148,000. The Commissioners approved the new lighting system for the garden at the February meeting. Dianne showed the Commissioners a draft drawing of new counters and cabinets for the Arts and Crafts Room that will meet the needs of the gardeners; this room will need to be renovated a bit for these counters and cabinets. This would also allow the gardeners to grow things during the winter months. **MOTION: Mary Udice made a motion to allocate \$2,875 for the renovation of the Arts and Crafts Room with countertops and cabinets for the gardeners use, Terri Lapenta-Duffek seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.**

Dianne told the Commissioners that every year she attends the Annual Aging in America conference and asks for monies towards this conference. The conference will be held April 15-18 in New Orleans and will cost \$1,775 which includes sharing a hotel room, meals, flights, and the membership registration rate. Dianne pays the membership fee. She is asking for \$800 towards this total for her attendance. Mary commented that Dianne brings back a wealth of information from these conferences and it is very beneficial. **MOTION: Mary Udice made a motion to allocate \$800 for Dianne Stone to attend**

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C. Budget

The Center's budget was submitted, the Town Council started the process on Monday evening, the Center's budget will be discussed on March 14th, there is a public hearing on March 12th.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Karen indicated that her copy of the ByLaws state draft on them and she would like a final copy of the ByLaws. Dianne will provide this for her. Karen also asked about the possibility of hiring someone with the Commission's money to be the volunteer coordinator. Dianne explained that a volunteer coordinator is part of the strategic plan and she is hoping to apply for a grant for this position. Kathy suggested bringing the Center's volunteers together and asking if any one of them would like to oversee the volunteer program.

The tentative date for the Volunteer Dinner is Tuesday, May 28th at 5:00 PM.

IX. AGENDA FOR APRIL MEETING

Keep everything the same.

X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

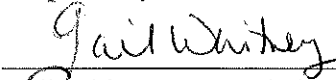
There was no Public Participation.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Commission on Aging and Disabled adjourned at 6:54 PM.

The next meeting of the Commission on Aging and Disabled is Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



 Gail Whitney, Commission Clerk