COMMISSION ON AGING AND DISABLED
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 5, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT
Karen Brecher
Kathy Sobieski
Maureen Lynch
Sandy Nafis
Mary Udice

MEMBERS ABSENT
Patricia Hanbury
Jerilyn Nagel
Terfi Lapenta-Duffek
Therese Nadeau

STAFF
Dianne Stone
Jaime Trevethan
Gail Whitney

TOWN COUNCIL LIAISONS
Carol Anest
Gail Budrejko

I. CALL TO ORDER
Karen Brecher called the Commission on Aging and Disabled meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Carol Anest commented that the Volunteer Dinner was lovely and well attended.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 1, 2019

The Commissioners approved the minutes of May 1, 2019.

V. STAFF REPORT

Dianne echoed Carol’s comments about the Volunteer Dinner and said it was very nice and that Jaime did a great job arranging the event. There was a different dessert this year – cupcakes. Some people commented that they missed the Klondike bars, so maybe the dessert will be both next year! The meal was delicious. The Wall of Honor honorees were very honored and wore their corsages the rest of the week.

May programs began with Cutting the Cord on May 1st, the 10th Annual Senior Prom which is an intergenerational program with Hartford Magnet Trinity College – 41 people were in attendance and the kids did a great job. Other programs included cooking for one, paint and sip, American History Lecture series, Veteran’s Coffee Hour, card crafting, AARP on reframing how people think about aging.
As Dianne reported at the May meeting, CRT who is the largest contractor of congregant meals in this area, were having financial issues and therefore would not serve meals one day a week at least until the end of CRT’s year which is in September. The Center is committed to serving lunch on Wednesdays and will be contacting area community food service establishment to ask about catering a meal on Wednesdays for 50-60 people. Today’s meal was catered by BelAir Manor who served 45 people. A donation bucket was out and some people made donations.

Dianne was waiting to hear if the legislature passed Bill 7201 today which supports senior centers to continue to serve a growing population and modernizing senior centers. This Bill was first heard back in 2018 and died on the Senate floor, and was reintroduced this year. It did pass the House last night and now is in the hands of the Senate.

Dianne then spoke about the Lyft grant which she had mentioned at the May meeting. The National Council on Aging is partnering with Lyft with an initiative on helping older adults with ride sharing. Lyft reservations will be done through the Center, and the Center will be receiving concierge training.

With the construction at the Town Hall, some departments are struggling for meeting and program space, along with parking issues. The Library will be holding 12 events over the summer at the Center, and Human Services held an event at the Center today.

The garden is doing very well.

Membership renewals will be sent out soon. CCSU is updating a survey that is included in the membership renewal forms. MySeniorCenter is also creating a form regarding changes in information on the membership renewal forms.

Dianne stated that she hopes the new fitness equipment will be installed by September, and thanked the Town Council for approving this in the Center’s budget.

A. Door Counters

Dianne commented that the numbers are askew this month because the manual door counts were off. There has been some issues with the two new touch screen monitors where they are going down and have to be rebooted.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Self-Assessment

The binder is being finalized.

B. Purchase Requests

There were no Purchase Requests.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.
VIII. **AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING**

Keep everything the same.

IX. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no Public Participation.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Sandy Nafis made a motion to adjourn, Mary Udice seconded the motion, and the monthly meeting of the Commission on Aging and Disabled adjourned at 6:19 PM with a 5-0 vote.

The next meeting of the Commission on Aging and Disabled is Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Gail Whitney, Commission Clerk]