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## MINUTES

### Commission on Aging Committee Special Meeting

Wednesday, June 1, 2016 @ 10 am

Community Center Room 107

**Members Present:** Phyllis Jachimowski, Suzanne Reilly and Chairman Karen Stanek.

**Member(s) Absent:** Evelyn Molner and Kathy Pagliaro-Rich

**Others present:** Mary McNelis, Community Services Director

1. **Call meeting to order:** The meeting was called to order by Karen @ 10:07 am
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** all present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Public comment:** There was no public comment.
4. **Approval of the 4/27/16 minutes:** A Motion was made by Phyllis to approve the 4/27/16 minutes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Suzanne. Motion Carried.
5. **Elderly Services Manager Report:** Mary presented a list of June Programs and Activities in Lucy McConologue's absence. The Senior Center Newsletter was distributed and reviewed. Mary also distributed a newly created document titled Senior Center Membership Numbers as of May 18, 2016 that captures the counts and dollars collected for membership over the last three months. It was noted that there were 8 new members bringing the grand total number of members to 244 and \$830 was collected since January of this year. The Lunch bunch continues to be popular; there were 16 in attendance last week. Phyllis introduced a discussion on the use of the smaller bus and the reasons behind it. It was mentioned that perhaps the Seniors Seymour residents would get first preference when space is limited and a smaller bus is being used. It may also be best to 'advertise' the size of the vehicle when promoting a trip and also to promote when a larger 'coach' bus was being used.

On the recreation side, an Open Tennis night will begin this Thursday night in hopes that a six week Tennis League will be offered. It has been noted that there's more walk in traffic at the Senior Center. Recently, there was an interest in "Band Jamming" and since it was a program offered previously, it is being considered as a program to bring back.

As a follow up from the last meeting, Suzanne added that in recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day there will be a Uniform Fashion Show event to help safeguard the community from scams involving imposters. The event will be held here at the Community Center on Wednesday, June 15 in collaboration with the Valley Senior Services Council. People's United Bank is pleased to partner with The Valley Senior Services Council and Comfort Keepers to provide a boxed lunch, and Shady Knoll to provide a continental breakfast. There will also be a Health & Wellness fair and raffle prizes. Donations to the

Seymour/Oxford Food Bank will be accepted for admittance into the event. RSVP will be accepted through Lucy at the Senior Center or Kathleen @ TEAM.

Mary is working on a Transportation Services report that will be compiled with the number of participants and frequency of trips for medical appointments and Church services, etc. This report ought to be available for the next meeting.

There is a schedule meeting next Monday with Eagle Scout participant interested in working on the Bocce court project discussed at our prior meetings.

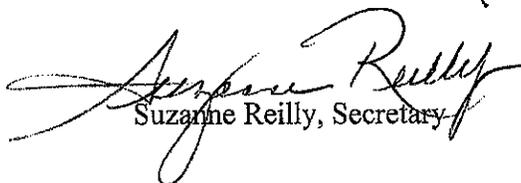
6. **Municipal Agent Report** Bonnie Wilkes; Municipal Agent for the Elderly was not in attendance. It was suggested by Suzanne that a report be submitted when Bonnie will not be available to attend, noting that Bonnie had direct contact with our senior residents and it would be good to stay informed of the challenges that they encounter for us to understand as Commission on Aging members. Mary agreed to reach out to Bonnie and request a report if she is unable to attend a meeting in the future.
7. **Public comment:** There was no public comment.
8. **Open Discussion:** Suzanne asked if there was an update on the Handicapped doors at the Chatfiel-LoPresti School reported last month. Mary said she would follow up with the Superintendent of Schools Christine Syriac to see if the situation has been resolved.

Karen commended Mary and Lucy for the 'wonderful things' that are being offered but suggested considering Financial Planning advice for Seniors to include Benefits, Legal advice, MD's presentations, Title 19, AARP, and Choices Volunteers – Apparently Bonnie is a Choices volunteer so this is already available. Also for consideration would be new Technology, working with the Scouts perhaps, or have some intergenerational learning opportunities.

Suzanne reviewed the sections of the Charter addressing the Commission on Aging Roles "to Study the needs of and coordinate programs for the aging in relation to Housing, Welfare, Health, Recreation and other matters." Suzanne suggested that we'd invite someone from Seymour Housing Authority to present at a future meeting since housing was an area of focus. She has agreed to reach out to Executive Director David Keyser or Teila Cheever, the Resident Services Coordinator, Callahan House Association to see if one of them would be available to attend and present at our next meeting. Suzanne distributed a packet of information of programs and services available through TEAM, Inc. that serves the Seymour area Senior residents for review.

9. **Adjournment** - A motion was made by Phyllis and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Suzanne to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 am. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

  
Suzanne Reilly, Secretary