

MINUTES
Commission on Aging Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 24, 2017
@ 10 am
Community Center Room 107

Members Present: Phyllis Jachimowski, Evelyn Molner Kathy Pagliaro-Rich and Suzanne Reilly

Member(s) Absent: none

Others present: Mary McNelis, Community Services Director, Lucy McConologue, Elderly Services Manager,

1. **Call meeting to order:** The meeting was **called to order by Evelyn @ 10:05 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 April 26, 2017 Meeting minutes– a motion was made by Phyllis and seconded by Kathy to approve the April 26, 2017 Meeting minutes – motion carried.**
5. **Elderly Services Manager Report:** Lucy presented and distributed a prepared **Senior Center Reports** dated May, 2017. Lucy shared that the majority of the participants are between 70 – 80 years of age. The report was categorized as **Weekly Activities** that included Mahjong which has between 10 - 13 individuals in attendance regularly. Easy Tai-Chi conducted by a certified instructor and is open to those with special needs that use a walker and cane. **Other Events** includes a trip to Atlantic City – 3 days/ 2 nights from 5/8 - 5/10. Some of the trips have begun to have wait lists and this compliments the need for a larger bus; Mary is proposing a larger bus in her Capital Budget and they are considering renting a bus. Also planned is a Seymour Historical Society Trip. On June 19th Barbara Kulas – is hosting a Senior Jeopardy. The Fitness Center has 60 registered members.
6. **New Programs/Activities for Fall & Winter – October 11 – Flu Clinic, and Trip to Monticello.** Early Bird Dinners will be offered beginning in May and in June from 4:00 – 6:00 pm at the \$8.00 cost per person. They are trying a different time of day to offer these events.

Membership numbers are up to 281 = +4 from the last month and last year at this time the number was 244.
7. A Walking Club began in May and continues through June at Chatfield Park on Wednesdays from 8:00 am – 8:30 am. The walking club has 5 – 6 people.
8. **Municipal Agent Report - Bonnie Wilkes, Municipal Agent for the Elderly** was not available to attend the meeting.
9. **Public comment:** There was no public comment.

10. Old Business:

- a. Community Outreach Flyer – no results were submitted.
- b. Transportation – Suzanne will schedule a meeting with Mary to further discuss the collaboration using volunteers to help provide and expanded our capacity to offer medical transportation rides services.

11. New Business – Elect New Chairman – tabled until an additional member is recruited to fill the vacancy as a result of Karen Stanek's resignation. We will address the role of Chair for the Commission once a new member has been appointed.

12. Members comment –Discussion on the use of volunteers and/or Ambassadors to be discussed further at next month's meeting.

13. **Prepare next meeting agenda** – those present discussed the items to be included on the next meeting agenda, discussion on Membership Benefits and how we can serve more individuals. Volunteers and Ambassadors.

14. **Adjournment** - A motion was made by Phyllis and 2nd by Evelyn to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 am. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Suzanne Reilly
Secretary