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Commission on Aging Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 28, 2017 @ 10 am (revised minutes date corrected 9/27/17)
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, Bonnie Wilkes, Municipal Agent.

1. **Call meeting to order:** The meeting was called to order by Evelyn @ 10:11 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 May 24, 2017 Meeting minutes:** a motion was made by Phyllis and seconded by Kathy to approve the May 24, 2017 Meeting minutes – motion carried.
5. **Elderly Services Manager Report:** Lucy presented and distributed a prepared **Senior Center Reports** dated June, 2017. Lucy shared that the Trips have been going well; many have reached capacity for July. There was discussion about the need to be a member in order to participate in the activities or trips. And or increase the cost for nonmembers to participate. Currently the cost of membership per year is only \$5.00 for residents and \$7.00 for nonresidents. **A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Phyllis that as of July 1, 2017 any new program activity or trip will require that all participants become members or pay a higher fee based on the on line registration software capabilities.** Reminder for those that are over 80 years of age the membership is free. How would this affect those that are over 80 years of age that are nonresidents? Current Membership Numbers: 92 - 80+ members; 64 are residents and 28 are nonresidents. An analysis will be presented at our next meeting whether this is an issue or not. **Mary** shared that they are putting in a proposal for a new bus and are looking at new and used 30 passenger handicapped accessible buses. (All come with seat belts) Quotes thus far have been between 498,000 - \$112,000. She also commented that they are also looking for a backup driver with a CDL.
Our Scout has started working on his **Eagle Project** erecting a Canopy adjacent to the **Bocce Court**. He has working parties schedule on Sundays. He has been receiving donations to assist with his project. He hopes to have the project completed by August.
The overflow parking lot has been paved.

6. **Municipal Agent Report - Bonnie Wilkes, Municipal Agent for the Elderly:**
Bonnie presented a summary of her May report, her formal report will be sent via email (attached):

Number of Paid Hours	32
Number of Clients	14
Number of Collateral Contacts (Professional)	8
Number of Home Visits	1
Meetings out of office	2

Referrals have been made to and from other departments in the town, by the South Central Area on Aging, by staff from the Housing Authority, through articles in local newspapers, by Griffin

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Hospital, by local community providers (doctors, dentists, pharmacists), from the CT Department of Social Services and the CT Department on Aging, TEAM, Inc., and by word of mouth from Seymour residents. Request for assistance includes: Medicare Appeals, Elderly Protective Services, Food, Gerontology and Medical referrals.

7. **Public comment:** There was no public comment.
8. **Old Business:**
 - a. Community Outreach Flyer – no results were submitted.
 - b. Transportation – Suzanne still needs to meet with Mary to further discuss the collaboration using volunteers to help provide and expanded our capacity to offer medical transportation rides services.
9. **New Business:**
 - a. **Welcome New Commission Member** – a new member has been appointed: Bob Norton, not sure if he has received the formal notification as of this meeting and whether he has been sworn in as of yet. Tabled, Bob wasn't present at the meeting, we'll check if he was sworn in, and will invite him to the next meeting.
 - b. **Elect new Chairman** – tabled until our newest member is present.
 - c. **Membership Benefits**, how can we serve more individuals?
 - d. **Utilizing Volunteers and Ambassadors**
10. **Member comment:** Suzanne announced that TEAM Elderly Services has moved their offices to 54 Grove Street in Shelton and thus their phone number has also changed to 203-538-5886, she can be reached at extension 4226. She had informational magnets and flyers available for distribution with the announcement.
11. **Prepare next meeting agenda: The July 26, 2017 meeting has been cancelled:** Those present discussed their schedule over the next few months and it was decided not to meet for the months of July and August. **A motion was made by Evelyn Molner and seconded by Kathy Rich to cancel the July 26, 2017 and August 23, 2017 meetings, motion carried.** This must be shared with the Town Clerk to be posted on the website and in town hall.
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 27 @ 10 am and staff will share an analysis of how many of the 80 year old members are active and participating in programs and trips and have a better understanding of the capacity of the registration software. And, we'll have further discussion on the use of Volunteers and/or Ambassadors at the next meeting.
12. **Adjournment** - A motion was made by Phyllis and 2nd by Suzanne to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 am. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Suzanne Reilly, Secretary