

MINUTES
Commission on Aging Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 22, 2017
Community Center Room 107

Members Present: Evelyn Molner, Robert Newtown, Kathryn Rich and Suzanne Reilly

Members Absent: Phyllis Jachimowski

Others Present: Mary McNelis, Community Services Director, Lucy McConologue, Elderly Services Manager and Bonnie Wilkes, Municipal Agent

1. **Call meeting to order.** The meeting was called to order by Evelyn @ 10:09 a.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Approval of October 25, 2017 meeting minutes.** A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Evelyn to approve October 25, 2017 minutes, motion carried.
5. **Elderly Services Manager Report:** Mary presented Lucy's report in her absence and distributed a prepared **Senior Center Reports** dated November, 2017 (attached). Mary shared that the Trips have been going well and there has been continued member participation at the Senior Center since the new flyers were mailed out to the Seymour households on 9/17/17. There has been an increase of membership by 53% increase over last year at this time. 10 new members last month, there's been 112 new members since the new fiscal year (July 1st). Introduced more social service programs – Chari Massage, Foot Care provided by a registered Nurse. Advance Care Planning is scheduled for February. There has been increase traffic in the building. Mary applied for 2 grants, proposing free exercise classes and creating a social room with a pool table and shuffle board, etc.
6. **Municipal Agent Report - Bonnie Wilkes, Municipal Agent for the Elderly:**
Bonnie spoke about the proposed cuts in the State's Renters Rebate and Medicare Savings Program that would affect many Seymour seniors. The eligibility limits have been decreased by nearly 50%. This will not only affect the "extra" \$104 in their Social Security Checks, but also will affect their copays and prescription costs. After discussion, a motion by Evelyn and seconded by Suzanne that the Commission on Aging send a letter to the State Legislators in respond to the MSP cuts and request a meeting. Motion carried. Bonnie said she's support Evelyn in the creation of the letter.
7. **Public Comment:** None
8. **Old Business:** None

9. **New Business** – The 2018 proposed meeting schedule was reviewed and a motion was made by Robert and seconded by Kathryn to accept the meeting schedule for 2018. The Charter Revisions Recommendations will be reviewed next month. The 80+ year old members' analysis and the utilizing more volunteers and ambassadors will be reviewed at a later time.
10. **Member Comment:** It was proposed that we focus a future meeting on the Housing Issues.
11. **Prepare December 27, 2017, 2017 meeting agenda** – focus on the Charter Revisions.
12. **Adjournment** motion was made by Bob and seconded by Kathryn at 11:35.

Respectfully Submitted,
Suzanne Reilly
Secretary - Commission on Aging

NOVEMBER 2017
SENIOR CENTER REPORT

Our membership continues to enjoy our weekly activities including Fitness Programs, Bingo and groups getting together to play cards and mahjogg.

We managed to include many extra programs this month even though we have many holiday closings.

- November 6th-Lunch Bunch went to Christmas Tree Shop & Olive Garden in Orange
- November 13- Foot Care Program (we will be extending the hours until 2:00 p.m.)
- November 16th-Chair Massage
- November 16th-Thanksgiving Luncheon with all the fixings catered by Mattei *55 in attendance*
- November 19th-(Sunday) Trip to Palace Theatre to see-Phantom *16 in attendance*
- November 27th-Casino Trip to Foxwood
- November 30th-Christmas Decorating Work Party with light refreshments

Holiday Closings this month included:

11/9 (12:00 Noon) 11/10 (12:00 noon) Veteran's Day

11/22 (12:00 noon)-11/23 & 24-Thanksgiving Closing

Just a reminder that Holiday closings are the same as the Town Hall. We are on the Town Hall schedule and do not close or delay opening during the winter unless the Town Hall closes.

Submitted by:

Lucy McConologue