

**Minutes
Commission on Aging Meeting
Wednesday, December 18, 2019
Community Center Room 107**

Members Present: Robert Newton, Kathryn Rich and Suzanne Reilly

Members excused: Phyllis Jachimowski and Chairman Evelyn Molner

Others Present: Mary McNellis, Community Services Director and Lucy McConologue, Elderly Services Manager

1. **Call meeting to order:** Suzanne called the meeting to order at 10:14 A.M. in Evelyn's absence.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Bob and Seconded by Kathy to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.
5. **Elderly Services Manager Report:** Lucy gave updates on recent programs and activities. One new program, The Caregiver - My Time had 3 - 4 individuals registered. The facilitator was well informed. It was expected that the program will grow over time. The Atlantic City Trip is scheduled for May 11 - 13 and registration is open. The Community Center is expecting a new bus in early 2020. The Probate Judge and Attorney Fred Stanek Seminar was a success with 30 individuals attending. The Veteran's Luncheon was also well attended and as a special tribute/honor the veterans were offered to receive a free membership for a lifetime. The Radio City Trip was a sell out. The regular programs are doing well, membership is great: the exercise classes, Mahjong and Band Jam continue to draw new members. Lucy commended the eight volunteers that helped with decorating the center in early December. The Market rides are going well, usually have 8 - 12 individuals depending on the time of the month.

Two new programs in January will be offered... Game Day (Different Card Games) and Movie and Popcorn. Theatre trips will once again be offered.

Mary noted that they are already in the middle of the budget process. Also, The town wide newsletter will be mailed out to all Seymour households in January. .
6. **Municipal Agent Report:** Since Bonnie was unable to attend, her report will follow.
7. **Financial Report:** Mary shared the financial report for the Elderly Services department. All income and expenses are on target and they're in good shape, at 40% of the budget.
8. **Public Comment:** None

- 9. Old Business:** The 2020 Meeting Schedule was discussed again, and it was felt that the summer months will follow prior years schedule and skip July and August meetings. However, Kathy suggested that the December meeting be moved to the week earlier from December 23 to December 16, 2020. A motion was made to make the change in meeting date for December 2020 from December 23 to December 16. Motion carried.
- 10. New Business:** None
- 11. Members Comment:** Suzanne shared a flyer for a Housing Forum to be held on Thursday, January 16 from 8 - 11:30 am; That TEAM, Inc is hosting, at the Villa Bianca, Seymour. This initiative is a result of the Valley Community Foundation Indicators Project which was recently unveiled in the Fall - the aging population in the Valley, transportation and housing were identified areas of needs that were highlighted in the report..
- 12. Prepare Next Agenda for January 22, 2020.** Suzanne has reached out to Teila Cheever from the Housing Authority who is willing for us to visit the Callahan House or the Norman Ray House to speak to the residents in the future, Teila is also willing to come and speak with us. Suzanne will follow up with Teila to set up a meeting date.
- 13. Adjournment:** A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Bob. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted, Suzanne Reilly, Secretary, Commission on Aging