

Commission on Aging Regular Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2016

Present: Joe Palazzo
Joan Bengtson
Ilene Harris
Marge Caste
John E. Donnelly, III

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Carmen Gallo, Clerk
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Absent: B. B. Smith
John Whritner

Also Present: Cathy Wilson, Senior Services Coordinator
Rose Ann Hardy, Ex officio

1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

Chairman Palazzo called the Commission on Aging Regular Meeting of July 11, 2016 to order at 5:00 p.m.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.
- b. Delegations. There were no guests.
- c. Approval of Meeting Minutes - May 9, 2016. Mr. Palazzo asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the May 9, 2016 Commission on Aging Minutes.

MOTION: Ilene Harris moved to approve the May 9, 2016 Commission on Aging Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. Seconded by Marge Caste. Joan Bengtson abstained from voting. (4-0-1) Motion carried.

- d. Correspondence. There was no correspondence.

2. STATUS REPORT

a. Transportation. Ms. Wilson gave copies of an vehicular accident report for their review. Mr. Holyfield estimated the damages to our vehicle to be \$14,000. It will take 15-20 days for repairs.

She would like to ask the Board of Education if Senior Services can borrow one of their vehicles. Ms. Hardy suggested that Ms. Wilson ask the school bus company if its possible to rent a bus and hire their driver.

Three vehicles need to be inspected by the end of August. First the Ford van will have emission testing. Secondly the R-2 will be inspected. The R-3 is expected to return in August.

Ms. Wilson reported her part-time driver remains on medical leave. Her full-time driver is having medical issues and may be out for a while. Her on-call drivers have been covering. Gail Glenn is available to drive the van.

b. Senior Trips.

(1) Enrichment Trips. The following enrichment trips are planned: August 10 for lunch at the Tea Kettle in Old Saybrook with shopping afterwards; August 24 to Marley's Cafe in Essex and a stroll around downtown Essex. Each of these trips are \$3.

(2) Day/Overnight Trips. The following Day trips have been planned: July 12 River Rose Cruise for a two hour narrated tour in the Newburgh, NY area. Lunch is included at the River Grill. Trip fee is \$100 pp. July 26 a day trip to Long Island with a tour of Raphael Vineyard and Winery. Time afterward in Greenport. Lunch is not included. The trip fee is \$88. August 7 to see New York City from a new perspective - the New York Harbor on a two hour cruise on one of the Hornblower's vessels and enjoy a Sunday Buffet Brunch with jazz music and a DJ for dancing. Trip fee is \$94 pp. August 21 for a trip to Stageloft Theatre in Sturbridge, MA to see "Wrong Window!" with lunch at Salem Cross Inn before the show. Trip fee is \$73pp. September 14 for a guided tour of the Revolutionary Days points of interest in the Boston area. Lunch is included for a trip fee of \$88. September 21 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Big E in Springfield, MA. Lunch is not included. Trip fee to be determined; October 1 to Boston on your own for a trip fee of \$44 pp.; October 13 for the Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular at the Roger Williams Zoo in Providence, RI. The trip fee is \$46 pp; November 3 for a trip to Mohegan Sun those attending will receive a casino package for a trip fee of \$20; November 15 to Newport Playhouse & Cabaret in Newport, RI to see "Last of the Red Hot Lovers" for a trip fee of \$76pp.

The following Overnight trips have been planned: October 9-11, 2016 to "Samson" at the Sight & Sound Millennium Theater in Lancaster, PA for a two night stay at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel. Free time at Longwoods Garden and Philadelphia included. \$467pp double; \$429 pp triple and \$557pp single; December 2-4, 2016 for a trip to Niagara Falls Festival of Lights Tour in Niagara Falls, Canada. 3 days and 2 nights. \$495 pp double, \$465 triple and \$625 single. February 7-17, 2017 for a No Fly Caribbean Cruise leaving out of New York City, 11 days, 10 nights on the Norwegian Gem. Trip fees range from \$1259 to \$1809 (taxes included).

c. Programs.

(1) Senior Nutrition Program. Ms. Wilson reported we have had a new Site Server since Friday.

(2) Senior Center Programs-Ongoing. Ms. Wilson informed the Commission ongoing programs are doing well.

(3) Senior Center Programs – New. Ms. Wilson stated all new programs are doing well.

d. Budget - General Fund, Revolving Account. Ms. Wilson reported we came in under budget.

e. Revenues - General Fund, Revolving Account. Ms. Wilson reported our revenues are doing very well.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Expenditures from the Parahus Account. Ms. Wilson would like permission to take \$1,650 out of the Parahus Account to pay \$200 for the collage made by Signcraft for our 90+Tea; the outdoor grill needs repair and parts and the cost is estimated to be \$1,000; she would also like to purchase a pig box for our Annual Pig Roast and the estimated cost is expected to be \$450.

MOTION: Ilene Harris moved to withdraw \$1,650 out of the Parahus Account to pay for the collage made by Signcraft for our 90+ Tea; the repair and parts for the outdoor grill and for the purchase of a pig box for our Annual Pig Roast. Seconded by Mr. Donnelly. (5-0) Unanimous

b. Person-Centered Counseling Training Program. Ms. Wilson informed the Commission that the State of Connecticut would like to train individuals within the state to help citizens to access needed services. The training begins this week and she plans to attend.

c. Other Pertinent Business. There was no discussion of other pertinent business.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Potential Softball League for 2017. Ms. Wilson informed the Commission a gentlemen expressed interest in a Softball League. Mr. Palazzo and Mr. Donnelly agreed to help. Ms. Harris suggested that East Lyme play against other towns.

b. Driver and Bus Use for the Niantic Lions Club Lobsterfest. Ms. Wilson informed the Commission that the Lions used a senior bus for the Lobsterfest and will be billed for the cost of the driver. Mr. Palazzo stated the Leos and the Navy helped.

c. Other Pertinent Business. Ms. Bengtson stated she was approached by a member of the New London Senior Center about a booklet informing seniors on contact information. Mr. Donnelly agreed to help with the booklet.

Ms. Wilson informed the Commission there will be no August meeting.

5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There was no public for discussion.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms. Harris moved to adjourn the July 11, 2016
Commission on Aging Meeting at 5:40 p.m.
Seconded by Ms. Bengtson. (5-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary