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Commission on Aging Regular Meeting Minutes January 14, 2013

Present:

Philip Mountain

Also Present: Cathy Wilson

B. B. Smith Marge Caste Senior Services Coordinator Rose Ann Hardy, Ex officio

Ilene Harris Joe Palazzo John Whritner

1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

Chairman Mountain called the Commission on Aging Regular Meeting of January 14, 2013 to order at 6:00 p.m.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.
- b. <u>Delegations</u>. There were no delegations.
- c. <u>Approval of Meeting Minutes December 10, 2012.</u> Mr. Mountain asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2012.

MOTION:

Marge Caste moved to accept the December 10,

2012 Commission on Aging Minutes, as presented. Seconded by Joe Palazzo.

(5-0) Unanimous.

d. Correspondence. Cathy Wilson made correspondence available.

2. STATUS REPORT

a. <u>Transportation.</u> Ms. Wilson reported the vehicles need to go to Town Garage for routine maintenance.

A recall notice was received for the lift on all three vehicles. All three need to be inspected.

All vehicles are running well.

(1) <u>Enrichment Trips</u>. The following enrichment trips have been planned: February 13 to the Hideaway Restaurant and February 27 to Rosemary & Sage.

(2) <u>Day/Overnight Trips</u>. Ms. Wilson and Ms. Fougere, of Senior Services in Waterford, have worked together to plan trips for the remainder of the year. They are considering an overnight trip at the end of May to Saratoga, a trip in August to Atlantic City, in September to Maine, in October to Charleston, and Savannah & Jekyll Island for a garden tour. A Hawaiian Cruise is being planned for January, 2014.

c. Programs.

- (1) <u>Senior Nutrition Program.</u> Ms. Wilson distributed information on the Senior Nutrition Program. This program runs four days a week. Meals-on-Wheels is distributed five days per week. The Bistro Luncheon on Mondays has been successful. We plan to increase the number from 15 to 20 for the Bistro Luncheon. TVCCA has been preparing the holiday meals.
- (2) <u>Senior Center Programs-Ongoing</u>. Ms. Wilson stated we are reviewing ongoing programs on costs and attendance.
- (3) <u>Senior Center Programs New.</u> The Tax Aide Program begins in February. February is American Heart month. On February 15 Rite Aid will be at the Senior Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Volunteer dinner, with entertainment will also be held on February 15. Identification of backyard bird count will be held on February 12. Mimi Mountain's Art Studio will be held in January, February and March. Games will be held at the end of the month. We will try indoor bocce on Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. In February the High School Technology Club will help seniors to expand on Word skills. The Culinary Club will provide a luncheon.
- d. <u>Budget General Fund, Revolving Account.</u> Ms. Wilson reported the overtime budget is very low. Seventy percent of the Program Account for instructors has been expended. Office and Program Supplies are low.

Ms. Hardy stated there is six months until the end of the year and the overtime budget is low. Ms. Wilson stated we tried a bus for the Coast Guard Concert and used the full-time driver because we felt he was more familiar with individuals taking the bus. He was paid time and a half.

In the fall we will have Monday night bingo and have the bus available to pick up those wishing to participate. Ms. Hardy asked if the budget will be increased for that? Ms. Wilson replied the upcoming budget will be increased to provide for transportation.

The Revolving Account is doing well.

e. Revenues - General Fund, Revolving Account. Both are as anticipated.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. <u>Transportation to the Coast Guard Concerts.</u> Ms. Wilson reported twelve individuals took the bus to the Coast Guard Concert. They were charged \$5. The full time bus driver drove and received five hours of overtime. B. B. Smith felt the charge should be increased. Dr. Whritner suggested charging \$10 to defray the cost of overtime. She agreed to try charging \$10 for the March 3 concert.
- Mr. Mountain asked if those attending enjoyed the concert. Ms. Wilson felt they did.
- b. <u>Budget Preparation for FY 13/14.</u> Ms. Wilson reported she met this afternoon with Mr. Formica, and he had no issues with the budget.
- c. Other Pertinent Business. Ms. Wilson reported she received a bill for \$245 for repair to the bingo console.

MOTION:

Mr. Palazzo moved to pay the bill from Bob Pepek for the bingo console repair in the amount of \$245. Seconded by Dr. Whritner. (5-0) Unanimous.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. <u>Info on 5310 Grant.</u> Ms. Wilson provided copies of email dated December 2012 from Ellen Lawrence stating the 5310 Grant Program is in the process of being restructured and that Department is unable to release applications at this time.
- b. <u>Mayors for Meals/Business Leaders for Meals.</u> Cathy Wilson reported on March 21 local politicians will deliver Meals-on-Wheels with volunteers.
- c. <u>Nicholas Parahus Info.</u> Ms. Wilson would like to honor Nicholas Parahus by displaying history on him.
- d. <u>Suggestions for Pricing of Program Offerings.</u> Ms. Wilson would like to set a limit on time to request a refund. She suggested limiting it to one year. She would also like an expiration date on passes. Ms. Hardy suggested using the fiscal year for the Town. Ms. Wilson felt the fiscal year would be hard to enforce. Dr. Whritner suggested six months. Ms. Caste suggested a year with a review date.

MOTION:

Dr. Whritner moved to recommend a policy that requests for a refund must be made within one year of payment for the program; that an expiration date be placed on participant's pass

so that it expires within one year; and if someone wants to register for a session class but cannot participate in all classes to recommend that they pay at least one-half of the charge. Seconded by Ms. Smith. (5-0) Unanimous.

e. <u>Other Pertinent Business.</u> There was no discussion of other pertinent business.

5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There was no public discussion.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms. Caste

Ms. Caste moved to adjourn the January 13, 2013 Commission on Aging Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Joe Palazzo. (5-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

Frances Ghersi, Recording Secretary