

Motion made by Dee Chiota and seconded by Roberta Bellows to accept the minutes of November 15, 2013, as amended. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report

Ms. Helen Weinstein stated that there is nothing to report for the month of December.

Chairman's Report

Chairwoman Yahwak thanked everyone for a successful Holiday Party at the Trumbull Senior Center, and she also thanked all of the volunteers. She also mentioned the success of Smile A While's performance. It was noted that there was an article about this in the Trumbull Times. Chairperson Yahwak also thanked Ms. Joanna Leone for all of her help with the Holiday Party, including donations for the gifts and the door decorations. Ms. Weinstein will send Ms. Joanna Leone a letter to thank her for all of her contributions.

Chairwoman Yahwak discussed the problems with the monthly Newsletter. There have been problems with the post office, and there have been recent regulation changes. Newsletters now will need to be placed in envelopes in order to be sent, and to fulfill the obligations of the post office.

Motion made by Joan Mehlhorn and seconded by Roberta Bellows to begin enclosing the monthly Trumbull Senior Citizen Newsletters inside envelopes prior to being mailed out. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Pizza and a Movie will be held today, and the movie *White Christmas* will be shown. Ms. Ferreira noted that this activity has been a success. Possible movies scheduled for the next few months include *Diary of a Mad Black Woman* and *Lincoln*.

Holiday Bingo will take place on January 27, 2014.

An AARP Safe Driver Course will be held in January.

Mr. Ron Foligno was welcomed and introduced as a new Commissioner for the Trumbull Senior Citizen Commission.

Director's Report

The monthly Budget Report and Ledger were distributed to all Commissioners. Line items and totals were discussed. Costs of labels and pre-stamped envelopes for the Newsletters were discussed. There will be a vote regarding the costs next month. Maintenance of the Center was also discussed, including the cost of light bulbs, additional lighting, air conditioning filters, and the copy machine lease.

Issues regarding the snack bar at the Center were discussed. The use of this area was also discussed, as well as the rules of the Center. The downstairs card room was also discussed.

Old Business

Mr. Foligno will be assisting with financials starting in January.

Gift certificates, Bingo, the Holiday Party, and coffee for the snack bar were discussed.

Ms. Fereira thanked everyone for their help, especially Ms. Fran Hanna and Ms. Sylvia Jones.

Chairwoman Yahwak thanked Ms. Dorothy Merritt for everything she has done, and for all of her help with the finances for the Commission.

Ms. DeZenzo distributed the Trumbull Senior Center Informational Brochure to the Commission. Chairperson Yahwak thanked Ms. DeZenzo for all of her work on the brochure. Ms. Weinstein and Ms. Bellows were also thanked for their help with the brochure.

Motion made by Joan Mehlhorn and seconded by Dee Chiota to accept the Trumbull Senior Center Informational Brochure. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Chairperson Yahwak discussed the surveys. They were mailed out twice, and 45 responses were received back, 34 of which were Trumbull residents, and 11 which were non-residents. 40 respondents said that the dues for the Center were a good value, while 2 felt that they were not, and 3 did not provide an answer. Programs that respondents would like to see added include board games, game days, crafts, Birthday Bingo, walking groups, quilting, guest speakers, social activities, gardening programs, a flower show, shopping trips, and overnight trips. Several comments regarding the Center were also discussed. Chairperson Yahwak noted that the evaluation requirement has been fulfilled.

Errors in the Newsletters were discussed, as well as a plan to correct this.

Planning an interesting trip for seniors in the spring was discussed.

Ms. Merritt discussed the Library Memorial Plaque with the Commission. One name, Ms. Irene Simalchik, will be placed on the plaque for 2013.

The new kitchen refrigerator was discussed. Ms. DeZenzo will contact Mr. Allen White, and plans will be made to move forward with this purchase.

Creating a Book Club was discussed, and information about this may be put in the monthly newsletter for the spring. A Garden Club was also discussed. Ms. Bellows noted the benefits of container gardening. Ms. DeZenzo mentioned local farms and herb gardens that could help. Ms. Fereira noted that local high school students could help as well.

New Business

Ms. DeZenzo discussed submitting the names and contact information of all Commission members to the Town website. Dates for the meetings for 2014 were also discussed. They will be as follows:

January 24
February 28
March 28
April 25
May 23
June 27
(no meeting in July or August)
September 26
October 24
November 21
December 19

Chairperson Yahwak wished the Commission a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and encouraged everyone to visit the Senior Center and volunteer.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Yahwak adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m. with unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted.

Dawn Kosarko
Clerk

