

Senior Citizen Commission Meeting – June 27, 2014

Trumbull Senior Citizen Commission

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10:00 am

Long Hill Conference Room

The Senior Citizen Commission of the Town of Trumbull held a scheduled meeting on June 27, 2014 in the Long Hill Conference Room in the Trumbull Town Hall.

Members Present: Chairperson, Rachel Yahwak; Vice Chairperson, Robert Bellows; Ron Foligno, Dee Chiota, Joan Mehlhorn and Dorothy Merritt.

Also present: Jean Ferreira

Members Absent: Rita Grossi and Amy DeZenko

This is a brief summary of the meeting.

A quorum being present, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:05am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Past Minutes

Motion was made by Mrs. Mehlhorn, seconded by Mrs. Bellows, to approve the minutes of May 23, 2014 as written. Approved unanimously.

Director's Report

Mrs. Ferreira reported the following:

1. Seniors are happy with the center. Membership registration has been very favorable with many seniors registering without any problems. Starting July 1, she will be working with some volunteers to cross reference membership lists with those names who have taken classes to update records. Anyone who has not renewed their membership will be taken off the newsletter mailing list.
2. Courtyard Calypso Party – good time had by all. If done again, plantings will be used to make it festive.
3. Picnic will be held at Town Hall in September. She will be working on the invitations.
4. Review of accounts was done. It was noted that in the month of May with Senior Citizen Week, she spent \$818.09. The center will be hosting a red, white and blue tribute on July 11 with the Smile-A-While group performing. Estimated cost is \$650. Motion was made by Mrs. Chiota,

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seconded by Mrs. Mehlhorn, to approve \$650 for the red, white and blue tribute. Unanimously approved.

5. Mental Health First Aid Seminar was held this past week. She felt this would be beneficial to have this type of seminar for the seniors since it dealt with depression, dementia, psychiatric problems, etc. and how to deal with individuals who may be in crisis.
6. Pizza and a Movie will be 7/18 at noon. Lunch is being sponsored by the Ludlow Center. Movie is Spanglish. If this event is successful, the center may continue to sponsor it.
7. July 17 – Birthday party; July 25 is Bingo.
8. Spring Meadows will sponsor on the first and third Wednesday of July a jewelry making class. They will bring all supplies and if it is successful, they may continue to sponsor it monthly.
9. In-Home group is providing seasonal crafts – tee shirts

Mrs. Yahwah would like to have a Christmas lunch for all the vendors who have participated at the center this past year to thank them for their support. Mrs. Ferreira noted the ads are growing and the programs are expanding thanks to community involvement.

Motion was made by Mrs. Mehlhorn, seconded by Mr. Foligno, to work on a Christmas lunch for the vendors from the different homes as a thank you for their help. Approved unanimously. This will be discussed in the fall.

The Health Fair meeting was rescheduled to 10:00 am on July 15, 2014 at the Senior Center. Mrs. Ferreira noted the vendor representatives should be invited to participate in the health fair in October.

First Selectman Herbst entered the meeting briefly and noted

1. He is working on the newsletter postage issue.
2. He and Carl Massaro would like to form a building committee for the Senior Center and representatives from the Senior Center would be involved.
3. He is working on making appointments to the commission for the open positions.

Mrs. Ferreira left the meeting at 10:25 am.

Secretary's Report

Mrs. Chiota noted she sent thank you cards to Gail and Fran Hanna for the Tea Party as well as Helen Weinstein for her work on the commission. Mrs. Yahwak requested she send a thank you to those who volunteered for the Calypso Party – Sylvia Jones, Gloria Monaco, Richie Jones, Sally Separak and John.

Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Yahwak reported the following:

1. Red, white and blue tribute on July 11 will need volunteers. Mr. Foligno and his wife, Mrs. Mehlhorn and Mrs. Yahwak volunteered. Report time is 11 am.
2. Candidates for the open positions were interviewed and recommendations sent to the First Selectman for a decision.

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3. The state will be voting on the kitchen funding next month.
4. There is a problem with the new snack bar vendor. He was under the impression that he had a working kitchen and he will be speaking to the Health Department about this.
5. Senior trip is being scheduled in the fall to the Culinary Institute.
6. A code of conduct has been written for the Senior Center. This was distributed to the commissioners for their review and discussion in the fall.

New Business

Mrs. Mehlhorn suggested the commission purchase some picnic tables to be placed in the back court yard for those seniors who bring their lunches and want to sit outside. Mrs. Fereira will be contacted to see what would be best for that location. Motion was made by Mr. Foligno, seconded by Mrs. Bellows, to evaluate the purchase of picnic tables for the center. Approved unanimously.

Chairperson Yahwak wished everyone a wonderful and safe summer. The next meeting will be September 26, 2014.

Adjournment

There being no further business, motion was made by Mrs. Chiota, seconded by Mrs. Mehlhorn, to adjourn the meeting at 10:37am. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall
Clerk

These minutes are considered a draft until approved at the next meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission.