

Senior Citizen Commission Meeting – November 21, 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 November 21, 2014 in the Long Hill Conference Room in the Trumbull Town Hall.

Members Present: Chairperson, Rachel Yahwak; Vice Chairperson, Roberta Bellows; Ron Foligno, Dee Chiota, Dorothy Merritt, Amy DeZenzo and alternates Maureen Gordon and Gail D’Elia.

Also present: Senior Center Director, Jean Ferreira

Members Absent: Joan Mehlhorn, Rita Grossi

This is a brief summary of the meeting.

A quorum being present, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:00 am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Past Minutes

Several corrections to minutes were noted: Correct the spelling of Mrs. **Mehlhorn’s** name on Page 1; correct the spelling of Mrs. **Yahwak** throughout the minutes; Page 1, under Chairperson’s Report second paragraph, should read “Linda Diamond **sent** an email complaint”; under Director’s Report “Budget” should read “requested that Mr. Foligno chair the **committee**”. Motion was made by Ms. Merritt to accept the minutes as amended. Seconded by Mrs. DeZenzo and approved unanimously.

Secretary’s Report

No report.

Chairperson’s Report

Mrs. Yahwah noted the following:

1. Thank you to Gail who sent the thank you notes to the people who helped with the Health Fair.
2. Thanksgiving baskets will be prepared November 24 and 25. Any commissioners who are available to help should arrive by 10:00 am. Any donations can be brought at that time. Gift certificates will be taken care of at that time and Social Service has the list of recipients.

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3. Sink in the Function Room – this sink is not in working order. It has been discovered that paint has been put down the drain and it has clogged the pipes. Two options are available – 1) to remove the sink altogether or 2) put in a new sink. Mrs. Fereira noted this problem has resulted from the classes held in that particular room. If the sink is removed, they will move to another area to clean their supplies. Cost to repair is approximately \$500-\$600. Discussion was held regarding the classes and the responsibilities of the instructors to make sure all supplies are handled appropriately. It was felt that the teachers should be responsible for any problems and they should monitor what is disposed of in the sink. This is part of their job and should be part of their job description. However, it was also noted the problem stems from other individuals who may use that room also. Mrs. Yahwak noted that once the situation is corrected, all teachers should be informed that it is their responsibility to monitor the sink for disposal of classroom waste. Motion was made by Mrs. DeZenzo that, following the cleaning of the drain, there should be appropriate signage placed at the sink and that the responsibility falls with whoever the instructor is for patrolling what goes down the drain. Seconded by Mr. Foligno. Approved unanimously.
4. Poker Room – members are turning the thermostat up and down and have broken into the unit and are using a paperclip to adjust the heat. A metal cover with key access will be placed over the thermostat. Each room is set at 72 degrees. The system is automatic and it brings up the temperature for the daytime hours. It was noted that each room varies in temperature depending on where it is located and that members should prepare and layer clothing to stay warm during the winter.
5. Pickle Ball Demo – no one came. This was advertised in the newsletter. Mrs. Fereira noted she will reschedule the demonstration when she has ten participants. She currently has eight.
6. Holiday Bingo is 12/19; Holiday Party is 12/12; Movie and Lunch is 12/11 at noon; Birthday Party is 12/11 at 11 am.
7. Mrs. Fereira has name tags for all the commissioners to wear to the events.

Director's Report

Mrs. Fereira noted the following:

1. Social Services will be distributing holiday baskets on 11/25. Help is requested at the desk during the pick-up time. Donations do come to the Center and she needs someone to work at the desk during that time. Commissioners will contact Mrs. Fereira with their availability. It was noted they are still in need of turkeys.
2. Bad weather is here. She asked the commissioners if they would be willing to have their names placed on a list to be called in the event additional help is needed. These people would answer telephones, do various jobs at the Center and help in the shelter should one be opened whether it is at the Center or the high school. There is much work associated with setting up and maintaining the shelter and many volunteers are required. It was suggested that this request also be placed in the newsletter in the event other members would like to help.
3. New ads have been picked up for the newsletter from the Health Fair.

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4. Help will be offered to another senior center with regard to enrollment, fund raising and newsletters. She noted this was a great networking opportunity.
5. Budget draft was reviewed. Commissioners were requested to review and comment for the next meeting.
6. January will be a mild month as far as activities.
7. A new transportation system has been developed through Outlook that is much more efficient.
8. A request for a floater for the Senior Center will be requested if her employee does not return soon.

Old Business

1. Kitchen Update – No update.
2. Senior Brochure – changing the term limits in the brochure was discussed. Mrs. Yahwak and Mrs. Fereira will work on this.
3. Senior Trips – No update.

New Business

1. Reservations have been made for the commission holiday party. This will be a Cinzano's in Fairfield at 1pm on 12/19.
2. The Holiday Party will be held 12/12. Smile-A-While will perform and all seats have been reserved. There is a waiting list. It was suggested that next year, there be two performances so that more members could attend.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Motion was made by Mrs. Chiota, seconded by Mrs. Bellows, to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 am. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall
Clerk

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