

**TOWN OF TRUMBULL
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Commission on Aging Meeting
Friday, November 19, 2021
10:00 am

The Commission on Aging held a virtual meeting on Friday, November 19, 2021.

Present: Marcy Kelley, Mark Ryan, Jean DaRold, Evelyn Wiesner, Michael Ganino and Alissa Heilbrunn

Also Present: Michele Jakob, Director of Human Services

Absent: Ron Foligno

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by Mrs. Kelley followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Past Minutes: Motion was made by Mr. Ganino to approve the minute of September 24, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Ryan and approved with abstentions from Mrs. Kelley and Mrs. Wiesner.

Secretary's Report

No report.

Director's Report

Mrs. Jakob noted the following:

1. The staff is in the process of assembling Thanksgiving baskets.
2. The lunch program is going well with servings on Tuesday and Thursday. Presentations held before the lunch programs are well attended.
3. The Center is fully open but ZOOM programs are still popular especially the art classes.
4. Looking for program ideas either old or new.

Chairman's Report

Mrs. Kelley had no report.

2022 Meeting Dates

Discussion was held regarding the number of meetings, location and in-person versus ZOOM options. It was noted that there is not an option to do a hybrid meeting at this time. Commission members felt that meetings in person were more productive but deferred any decisions until new commissioners were appointed.

Commissioner Ganino

Mr. Ganino presented his idea to the Commission of subcommittees or liaisons that would be able to work on various presentations beneficial to the Commission and the seniors. Several topics were discussed including cyber security, fraud watch, programs from the Trumbull Health Department and discussions with elected officials. A connection with the Board of Education through the adult education program could provide programs for seniors

to be held at the Senior Center or Stern Village. Two areas were determined - programs for presentations at the Commission meetings and programs for the seniors. Mr. Ganino will speak with the Board of Education and Mr. Ryan will contact the Trumbull Police Department regarding potential programs and bring the information back to the Commission.

Old Business

Mr. Ryan questioned the status of the Senior Center Building Committee. Mrs. Katske noted the committee will begin to have meetings in the near future. Mr. Foligno is the Commission's representation on the committee and will be able to report back with any information.

New Business

1. Mr. Ganino noted if the Center is interested in doing a fund raiser, he has contacts and would be able to obtain sports paraphernalia for the event.
2. Mrs. DaRold noted there are many great artists at the Senior Center who would love to display their artwork in the Town Hall as they did in the past. This falls under the Recreation Department and Mrs. Katske will check to see how they can move forward with the display.
3. Mr. Ganino noted the Bethel Senior Center acquired a grant to have a mural painted. After discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Ganino would look into the details of the grant and the artist and report back to the Commission.
4. Mrs. Kelley announced that her term on the Commission has ended and she was not seeking reappointment. The Commission members thanked her for her work and leadership. There will be two vacant positions on the Commission to be filled and Mrs. Kelley's chairman position will need to be filled at the next election of officers.

Adjournment

There being no further business, motion was made by Mrs. Wiesner to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 am. Seconded by Mr. Ryan and approved by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall
Clerk