SHERMAN COMMISSION ON AGING

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday, 20 Nov. 2017, 6:00 PM

Mallory Town Hall

Members Present:  Chairman, J. Wey, A. Jellen, E. Hayes, R. Hudson, J. McRoberts

Members Absent:  J. Garcia, S. McMahon

Also:  L. Whitney, clerk, S. Berger

Call to Order:  Chairman, J. Wey called the meeting to order at 5:57 PM

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting of 16 Oct. 2017 as written by J. McRoberts

Seconded by:  E. Hayes

Vote for:  unanimous

Senior Center/Social Services Report:

S. Berger reported that the Thanksgiving lunch at the school was a big success. There were about 60 people in attendance and S. Berger delivered 13 meals to homebound seniors. The students sang for entertainment. Next year, volunteers will be sought to arrive early and seat people to avoid having people spread too far apart.

The Holiday Party is scheduled for Dec. 14th at 12:00 PM at the Hearth Restaurant. Gifts will not be given at the event. Al Burgasser and his group will be playing music for the party.

Wednesday lunches have been a success. Attendance is usually between 14 and 16 people, with the lowest attendance of 7 on one occasion. In January, the time of the lunch will change from 11:30 AM to 12:00 noon.

The Senior Center has 3 focus points for their budget this year:

- With a $500 computer line, the Senior Center would like to upgrade the 3 desktop computers for 2 laptops
- A new couch, perhaps through donations
- Staff hours, The Senior Center needs more driver hours to be able to offer more activities to more seniors

E. Hayes suggested perhaps asking for volunteers. Staff hours would still be needed for scheduling.
Social Services will have Holiday Wish List available this week. This confidential list is an opportunity to provide gifts to families in need in Sherman. The lists are available at the Senior Center.

**Old Business:**

E.Hayes will let the COA know as soon as the forum with the Senator is rescheduled. The forum will also be advertised on the Town website, Nexile and the newspaper.

Set-up for the forum can be handled through the First Selectman’s office. E.Hayes will follow up on checking the Hearing Assist equipment at the firehouse. As the town coordinator for the Americans with Disabilities Act, ADA, B.Trott may be helpful with this.

*This is a forum sponsored by the COA and is an informative forum, not a political one.*

**New Business:**

R.Hudson made a motion to approve the Senior Concert

J.McRoberts seconded the motion

Vote was unanimous for a Senior Concert for the summer of 2018

Date has to be decided

Venue possibilities include the pavilion at the beach, the library and the playhouse. A consideration for each venue has to be available parking.

Al Burgasser has tentatively agreed to take a lead role in the planning and should be consulted on the venue.

Eligibility will be restricted to Sherman seniors with the caveat that a band may include members who are not seniors.

The COA will reserve the right to approve the music performed.

E.Hayes will be available through email while he is away during the winter to help plan the Senior Concert.

J.Wey got reports from seniors who were unable to find rides to vote on Election Day and wants to be sure that all who want to vote on the town budget in May can get to the polls. She will reach out to the DTC and the RTC to provide transportation to the polls.

The Senior Center offers people the option of picking up an absentee ballot prior to the budget vote, as it is on a Saturday.

The Veteran’s Day celebration was wonderful, with a two-star Airforce General as the guest speaker. For next year, possibly inviting the seniors will be looked into. The constraint may be a lack of space as the celebration takes place at the school.

*There is no December meeting.*
Next meeting is scheduled for 22 Jan. 2018 at 4:00PM, if needed.

Adjournment:

R. Hudson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM
J. McRoberts seconded the motion
Meeting was unanimously adjourned

The next meeting will be 22 Jan. 2018 at 4:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by,
Linda Whitney
21 Nov. 2017