

SHERMAN COMMISSION ON AGING

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday, 16 April 2018, 6:00 PM

Mallory Town Hall

Members Present: Chairman, J.Wey, S.McMahon, A.Jellen

Members Absent: E.Hayes, R. Hudson, J. McRoberts, J. Garcia

Also: L. Whitney, clerk, S. Berger

Call to Order: Chairman, J.Wey called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from 19 March 2018 could not be approved as there was not a quorum present.

Senior Center/Social Services Report:

S.Berger thanked the COA for funding the April luncheon. There were 31 attendees and all felt it was a good program. S.Berger reports that all of the hearing devices were utilized, including ones borrowed from Town Hall. The Senior Center may need to purchase more and possibly provide training for their staff in the usage of the devices. The use of the hearing devices has noticeably maximized participation.

On 4/17 S.Berger is meeting with the First Selectman to possibly draft policy regarding the insurance constraints that prohibit the Senior Center drivers from assisting people in and out of their homes when they get rides.

There is a Webinar on Ageism being held on 4/26. S.Berger is requesting that a member of the COA attend.

There was a Nixle Alert sent out warning of a Medicare scam. New Medicare cards are being mailed out but Medicare does not call anyone looking for information.

There was a Nixle alert soliciting donations for volunteer firefighters, this did not come from the Sherman Volunteer Firefighters.

On 5/22 at 12:15 PM at the Senior Center there will be a presentation by Hospice Nurses on The 5 Wishes Program. There are 5 Wishes Booklets available that easily outline care and treatment guidelines for families. The cost of the booklets are \$1.00, S.Berger has purchased 25 and wondered if the COA would like to purchase more.

Old Business

No changes to the by-laws could be approved as there was not a quorum present. J.Wey will ask about the possibility of allowing members to phone in votes in the event of a meeting without a quorum present.

The April lunch was a success.

People needing rides to the polls on May 8th can call S.Berger up to the day before to make arrangements.

The application for the Aug. 19th concert has been approved. J.Wrenn will be posting it in the Park and Rec. Newsletter. The search is on for musicians to participate.

New Business:

A request was made to receive a reminder email announcing COA meetings. These will be sent beginning prior to the May meeting.

There is an Elder Justice Symposium offered on May 15th at the University of New Haven. Registration is from 7:30-8:30 AM. The program runs from 7:30AM-4:00 PM. B.Trott sent an email to the COA with information.

The COA has reviewed with the First Selectman the growing needs at the Senior Center. J.Wey will follow up on this conversation after the Senior Concert. A subcommittee may be formed to investigate possible solutions with regard to the lack of space and parking at the Senior Center.

Comments by Commissioners:

Adjournment:

S. McMahon moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM

J. Wey seconded the motion

Meeting was unanimously adjourned

The next meeting will be 21 May 2018 at 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Whitney

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