

SHERMAN COMMISSION ON AGING

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday, 15 April 2019, 6:00 PM

Mallory Town Hall

Members Present: Chairman, J.Wey, S.J. McMahon, P. Werme, R. Hudson, A. Jellen,
E. Hayes, L. Arnold

Members Absent: J. Garcia, J. McRoberts

Also: L. Whitney, clerk

Call to Order: Chairman, J.Wey called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting of 18 March 2019 as written was made by R. Hudson

Seconded by: P. Werme

Vote for: unanimous

J. Wey welcomed Lynda Arnold to the COA as a full commissioned member.

Senior Center/Social Services Report:

There was no Senior Center report this month.

Old Business:

Flyers have been circulated for the 28 April 2019 showing of the documentary, *Aging in America*, with a speaker at the library. J. Wey has confirmed with the Senior Center that word is out. R. Hudson will pick up water for the showing.

J.Wey has discussed the Feasibility Committee with D. Lowe. He will call for an initial meeting in May. There was a discussion on the Feasibility study done by the school that is posted on the town website. The Board of Education will be presenting the Feasibility Study at the Senior Center. They are looking for 2 seniors to join the committee. The COA will listen with open minds but remain committed to keep finding a solution to the problems at the current Senior Center a priority for the town. S. Berger has provided D. Lowe with guidelines to help determine what a new Senior Center site would need to meet the needs of the seniors and be in compliance with the ADA.

The flyers appealing for artists for The Senior Art Show will run in next week's Town Tribune. Artists (55 and older) are being sought to participate.

On 25 April 2019 from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM there will be a showing of the film, *Gen Silent*, a movie highlighting the challenges to the senior LGBTQ community. There will be dinner and a panel of speakers, including L. Arnold, a medical representative and a social worker. The event is offered through AARP and will take place at the New Milford Senior Center.

New Business:

S. Berger requested that the COA sponsor refreshments or a Lunch and Learn at the ESF. J. Cilio will be presenting on D Day. There was a discussion and R. Hudson made a motion to sponsor a Lunch and Learn for a cost not to exceed \$200.00.

Seconded by: E. Hayes

Vote For: All

E. Hayes cautioned the COA to ward against the perception that the COA functions to subsidize the Senior Center programs. Discussion followed.

The COA will be invited to a farewell party for Lynn Gomez. The party is tentatively scheduled for 3 May 2019 at the ESF. B. Trott will be looking for volunteers to bring refreshments.

A. Jellen announced his resignation from the COA after thanking the commission for all they do for the seniors in town.

Comments by Commissioners:

E. Hayes asked about the updating of The Town Hall Directory of Sherman Resources. COA members were asked to check it for any changes necessary, time permitting. J. Wey responded that a formal updating will be done after the art show.

Adjournment:

R. Hudson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM

P. Werme seconded the motion

Meeting was unanimously adjourned

The next meeting will be 20 May 2019 at 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Whitney

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