

Senior Citizens Commission
Regular Meeting December 6, 2016
Minutes

The Senior Citizens Commission held a regular meeting on December 6, 2016 at the Senior Center at 1:00 P.M. Present at the meeting were members: Chair Paula Friez, Cheryl Udin, Sally Tracy, Tina Giuffre and Helen Winkler. The Director of Senior and Social Services Carrie Concatelli was also in attendance.

1. Call to order

Paula Friez called the meeting to order at 1:07 P.M.

2. Public Comment

Cheryl Udin discussed Senior Inc. events.

3. Approval of Minutes:

October 4, 2016

Helen Winkler made a motion to accept the October 4, 2016 minutes as written, seconded by Sally Tracy. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Municipal Agent Report

Choice counseling is open for enrollment and has saved money. Bolton High school is doing their Capstone project with two sing-a-longs. Next one is 12/13/16 @ 3PM.

5. Old Business

A. Review of Recent Programs

a. Veteran's Day Programs, Operation Gratitude (candy)

Cropleys did a great job and the poinsettias turned out to be a great outreach program.

b. Lunches Out

The program was a success and attendance was high.

c. decoration of Center for Christmas

Everyone did a wonderful job. Someone dropped off sleeping Santa's.

d. Bereavement Programs

The program is still in the works and the senior center is going set a date soon.

6. New Business

a. Set Meeting Dates

Paula Friez set the upcoming meeting dates, which are

March 7, 2017

June 6, 2017

September 12, 2017

December 5, 2017

b. Election of Vice-chairman

Cheryl made a motion to nominate Tina Giuffre as vice chairman; the motion was seconded by Sally Tracy. The motion passed.

c. Budget, 2017

Carrie Concatelli stated she is currently working on the 2017 budget. She stated she has already put in capital budget and is planning years ahead for a new mini-van for the senior center. The budget for 2017 has no big changes with the exception of minimum wage going up. Cheryl suggested a railing on outside from the parking lot to the entrance. Carrie stated she will see what can be done and talk more about it at the next meeting.

d. New Program Ideas

The Commission discussed the state troopers coming to the senior center. They will discuss added security measures to people's homes. Tina suggested having donuts and coffee once a month to get people to the senior center. Carrie stated in the next newsletter the Senior Center will be offering Library on Wheels, this will offer delivery of library material to homebound individuals in town. The Senior Center will also take individuals once a month to the library.

e. December Programs

1. Pet Bereavement 12/9

The senior center will offer a pet bereavement program on December 12th.

2. Gingerbread House Display, SW 12/5/16

Gingerbread houses will be on display starting 12/5

3. Cheney Tech 12/8

Nothing at this time

4. Holiday Luncheon 12/12

The senior center will host a holiday luncheon

f. Annual Report July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016

Carrie stated she will put in another annual report and update all the information.

g. Holiday Giving

Carrie stated the church is going to be distributing items to 28 families this year. The knights of Columbus will be giving coats and clothing. Carrie also stated there is a giving tree geared at younger kids and those donations need to be in by 12/12. Saint Maurice is donating the meat and the Senior Center is donating non-perishable food items.

h. Social Service Needs

Carrie stated she wants to increase the use of the food pantry and make it easy for individuals to come in and use the services that are offered.

i. Tax Program

The Senior Commission is going to be holding a tax program in the near future.

7. Adjournment

Paula made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cheryl. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 2:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corrine O'Brien
Board Clerk

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