

Commission on Aging
April 9, 2018 – Regular Meeting
Senior Center
95 Norwich Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Jean Stawicki, Vice Chair Ellie Philips, Treasurer Marjorie Mlodzinski, Linda Grzeika, Jennifer Rayburn DeHay, Roberta Avery; Alternate Nan Wasniewski, Goldie Liverant at 8:36 am.

OTHERS PRESENT: Senior Center Director Patty Watts, Selectman Art Shilosky, Board of Education Liaison Mary Tomasi.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Jean Stawicki called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. Chair Stawicki noted that Alternate N. Wasniewski will be seated as a voting member to attain a quorum.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion by: R. Avery

To accept the minutes of March 12, 2018 with a spelling correction to read Jennifer Rayburn DeHay.

Second by: L. Gzeika.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

3. Financial Report

M. Mlodzinski reported the Boards & Commission line item for printing and publications is \$300 and the CoA fund total is \$567.26.

G. Liverant arrived at this point in the agenda replacing Alternate Wasniewski as a voting member.

4. Presentation by S. Leubner, Field Representative

Dept of Rehabilitation Services and State Unit on Aging

Sandra Leubner gave a presentation on the Unit on Aging and how the agency has changed over the years. Sandra is the liaison for this area working directly with senior directors to update resources. Senior Resources in Norwich is the agency for this area for support services. Discussion followed with the members asking questions.

5. Director of Senior Center Report

P. Watts reported that the Budget Forum was cancelled again and seniors were asked to attend the Budget Hearing held on April 3rd if they had questions or concerns. P. Watts is scheduled to go to DOT for a vehicle Procurement Event through the Section 5310 grant. The delivery of the new bus is anticipated for later this year. The Title III grant that supports the Making Memories Program was submitted in March. If the grant is approved it is usually awarded in July. Operationally, the senior center will be closed for the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on April 27th with a "County Fair" theme. This event recognizes those who served 25 or more volunteer hours in 2017, 93 senior center volunteers served 5870.75 hours last year. Selectman Shilosky will be holding a Question and Answer Session for seniors interested in learning more about the process of building a new center. It is scheduled for May 16th, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. with lunch served.

Attendance and Meals Served:

- Meals served in February: meals served on site - 111 MOW – 282
- Monthly Transports in March: 664
- Monthly Attendance in March: 1233
- Active Membership in March: 1115

Transportation Itemization for March 2018:

Daily Transportation	3/07/18	\$167.05
	3/29/18	140.00
Trips	3/07/18	59.00
	3/29/18	141.00
Total		701.71
YTD Total		\$2708.48

6. Status of Annual Report and Budget

Both the Budget and the Annual Report have been presented, no further updates

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Selectman Shilosky noted that the question regarding additional parking has been researched with a possibility of removing the Giving Garden, paving the area but the cost is approximately \$20,000. Discussion followed with suggestions to paint No Parking areas at the Senior Center for safety, to continue to utilize the church, bank and office parking.

7. CoA Projects

The 40th Anniversary Gala proofs for poster, flyers, and tickets were viewed. Two hundred tickets and 50 posters will cost a total of \$132.00. The committee is working with the florist for centerpieces. Discussion on door prize or prizes continued.

Motion by: M. Mlodzinski

To grant permission to have 50 posters and 200 tickets printed as designed and presented.

Second by: J. Rayburn DeHay.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Motion by: L. Grzeika

To table the door prize discussion.

Second by: G. Liverant.

Vote: Unanimous to table.

8. Commission Membership

The members welcomed Nan Wasniewski as the newest member, leaving the commission with one vacancy for an alternate position.

9. Old Business

M. Mlodzinski stated that the CoA donated a copy of "Harvesting Stones" to the Cragin Library.

The Senior Safe presentation about scams sponsored by CorePlus is scheduled for May 3 at 11:00 am and is limited to 30 guests.

Two letters have been drafted for insertion in the Senior Guide. A suggestion was made to merge the two letters.

Motion by: L. Grzeika

To table the discussion regarding the letter.

Second by: R. Avery.

Vote: Unanimous to table.

10. New Business

No new business at this time.

11. Citizen Comments

No comments received.

12. Adjournment

Motion by: L. Grzeika

To adjourn this meeting.

Second by: E. Phillips.

Vote: Unanimous to adjourn.

Chair Stawicki adjourned this Regular Meeting at 10:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk