Commission on Aging

East Granby, CT

Minutes
December 3, 2024
East Granby Community Center / 6:30 p.m.

In attendance:
Cheryl Bermani-McCann, Chairwoman
John Kiang
Warren Miltimore
Pam Carroll
Jess Kuqi
Lee Galluccio
Suzanne Soucy
Elise Cosker, Social Services
Donna Mattera, Clerk

The regular meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairwoman Cheryl Bermani-McCann at 6:35 p.m.

1.**Opening Remark -** Chairwoman Cheryl Bermani-McCann welcomed everyone to the meeting and hoped it was a nice Thanksgiving spent with families.
2. **Minutes of Past Meeting -** ***MOTION:*** A motion was made by John Kiang, seconded by Warren Miltimore, to accept the November 5th minutes as presented. ***Motion passed.***
3. **Senior Services Update -** Kelly Jacobs was not able to attend the meeting. Cheryl gave the committee an update on upcoming events they are holding.
4. **Social Services Update -** Elise Cosker reported the Holiday program is underway. There are close to 50 kids being sponsored for the holiday. She noted the Allgrove School will be providing coats from their Labors of Love program. Gift card and book donations will also be part of the gift giving as well as the Food Pantry Holiday Meal distribution. Everything is pulling together and it will be nice to help support the families in need thanks to everyone's contributions. The Energy assistance program is having its ups and downs with all the new programs and Elise is trying to guide the families and help them through the season.
5. **Good Samaritan Program –** Nothing to report at this time.
6. **Old Business**

Review COA Website Information – Marie Sandora was not able to attend tonight. Cheryl noted once the new members are sworn in from the Town Clerk's office, the updated members list will be placed on the COA web page. The PowerPoint is a work in progress and Cheryl is working on the presentation.

2024 Initiatives

1) **Technical lessons on phone/pc –** Tabled to the next meeting. Most likely to take place on the school's early release day of March 27th so the students can help.
2) **Free Atty Elder Law Program –** John Kiang is reaching out to attorney's to see their availability of a possible session to be held in March. He will also connect with Eden to see if she made any connections.

Senior Reading Program – Cheryl will reach out to the superintendent Missy Bavaro-Grande. She noted the flyers are complete.

Rich Gallucio's Sunshine Fund – Nothing to report at this time.

Membership Renewals and New Members Update – Eden and the Selectman's met last night where they vote on the names for filling the COA vacancy positions. The names will be then forwarded to the Town Clerk. Once everyone is sworn in, the membership list will be updated.

New Services Listing for Seniors – A discussion took place to create a list of resources for families to access. Suzanne will work with Kelly Jacobs and Elise Cosker to devise a list to include vendors who participate in our Wellness Fair. Jess Kuqi will help as well. Lee noted they might want to reach out to "A Place for Mom" as a possible resource.

7 **New Business**

Tech Time with Teens – Addressed above under Old Business.

EG Cares Day Spring Date Options – Tabled to next meeting as our student representatives are attending their high school bonfire tonight. Cheryl will reach out to them to provide possible dates for the spring.

Approval of COA Meeting Dates for 2025 – Cheryl distributed the potential COA meeting dates. ***MOTION:*** A motion was made by John Kiang, seconded by Pam Carroll to accept the COA Meeting dates for 2025 as presented. ***Motion passed.***

Plaque for Rich Galluccio Hydrangea – Warren volunteered to research and work on a plaque. Cheryl noted we would have a presentation of the plaque near the hydrangeas when the weather permits.

Remaining Funds from Peoples Bank – Cheryl reported there were $43.00 left over from the Wellness fair. The committee decided to add it to the fund where we placed last year's extra dollars. This is the fund where the stamps were paid out of for the cards we recently sent out.
MOTION: A motion was made by John Kiang, seconded by Pam Carroll to add the $43.00 to the same account we used for postage for the cards. ***Motion passed.***

Alzheimer Program – Cheryl did some research regarding Alzheimer's and programs available to help people/families. She went over some of the resources the Alzheimer's Association had to offer. It was decided to table to the next meeting to discuss possible programs with Kelly Jacobs, Senior Services.

8. **Comments from the Public –** Lee Galluccio came tonight to support the committee, nice meeting. Suzanne Soucy noted it was another great meeting and looks forward to working with everyone.

9. **Comments from COA –** Members wished each other a happy holiday. Time to enjoy each other and share the love. Elise thanked everyone for their support. A special thank you to Jess Kuqi's husband Nerim for making and donating acrylic sign holders. Wishes for a safe and happy holiday.

10. **Adjournment - MOTION:** a motion was made by John Kiang, seconded by Pam Carroll to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Mattera, Clerk