

Commission on Aging
February 10, 2020 – Regular Meeting
Senior Center
95 Norwich Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chair Nan Wasniewski, Roberta Avery by cell phone, Jean Stawicki,
Gerrie Transue.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chair Marjorie Mlodzinski, Linda Pasternak, Sandra Gaetano.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Wasniewski called the Regular Meeting to order at 8:30 am.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No additions were requested.

3. REVIEW OF JANUARY 13, 2020 MINUTES

Motion by: J. Stawicki

to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2020, meeting as read.

Second by: G. Transue.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

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4. FINANCIAL REPORT

4.1 R. Avery noted that there has been no change since last month - \$146.26 in CoA budget and \$108 in the Printing and Publications line item.

4.2. Director Watts presented the following:

TRANSPORTATION ITEMIZATION FOR JANUARY 2020

Daily Transportation	2/06/2020	\$104.00	
Trips	2/06/2020		61.00
Combined total			165.00
Year to date total		\$2228.11	

5. DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES REPORT

5.1. See attached report with a timeline of membership.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1. Senior Center Building Committee

G. Transue reported that three architects presented their experiences and designs with senior centers they have designed. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 11, 2020.

6.2. Norton Park Committee

Chair Wasniewski noted that the committee is exploring grants and ideas for the park. The area needs finalized clean up before any further work can be done on the ground.

6.3 Bacon Academy Environmental Club Presentation –

April 6, 2020, 3:00 pm-4:00pm “Food, Stuff, Energy and Water”

M. Mlodzinski and N. Wasniewski are working with Teacher Jill Lavasseur for this program.

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6.4 Alzheimer's Association – Kris Sortwell –

May 20, 2020, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm – Topic TBD

Several topics have been discussed. K. Sortwell has a list of topics for presentation and after review next month, a topic will be selected.

6.5 Senior Resources Guide

J. Stawicki stated the members working on the revisions hope to have it completed for the next meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

8. COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

Two alternate positions are still vacant.

9. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

M. Tomasi noted that AARP will meet the first Tuesday of March. The budget process has begun and the Board of Education has scheduled budget workshops for February 18, 25 and March 3.

Paulette Armandi presented a proposal for a 'Medical Equipment Closet', a place where the public could borrow and/or rent used medical equipment for a day or longer. Volunteers, space and legal requirements would be needed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: R. Avery
to adjourn this meeting.

SECOND BY: J. Stawicki.

VOTE: Unanimous to approve.

Vice Chair Wasniewski adjourned this meeting at 9:14 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk

COA Meeting-February 10, 2020

We held a successful Downton Abbey Day. Of the 25 attendees, 15 of them were from out of town, one group of ladies traveled from Tolland to be there. All were complimentary of the program and lunch.

Updated Growth Rate chart 2013-2019 143+% membership growth.

I will be writing and submitting 4 grants this year, including renewal funding for the Making Memories Program through Senior Resources, renewal funding for our medical transportation through the CTDOT's Municipal Grant Program and funding to purchase a replacement 14 passenger bus for the 10 passenger bus which is the oldest in our fleet.

Our Community Café Lunch Program is consistently growing, now serving 12-17 meals served per day. We have a new bunch of "regulars" coming in several times per week, some daily to dine and socialize.

Our Lunch & Love special event is sold out. Dave Colucci will be our musical entertainment for the program.

Our Tax Aide Appointment slots have filled up already. This is the earliest in the season that they have ever filled up.

Members have requested regular shopping trips to Big Y grocery store. We will be offering them on an every-other-month basis and reevaluate to see if that is adequate, ongoing.

We have an upcoming collaboration with Bacon Academy for the 10th Anniversary of their 6 Word Memoir. This iteration will be a (high school) senior and senior edition.

Why I Love My Senior Center campaign. Creating a number of videotaped spots of CSC members sharing their positive experiences with the senior center to spread community awareness through Facebook videos.

Senior Resources AAA will be here tomorrow to conduct their annual Site Audit of the Making Memories Program.

We have a new volunteer Choral Group Director who will be leading the "Senior Moments" Senior Choral Group. "Senior Moments" will be leading a short sing-along of love songs for our upcoming special event luncheon.

Tuesday, February 4th the Building Committee met with 3 architectural and engineering firms who are interested in designing and building the new senior center project.

The senior center will be closed on Monday, February 17th in observation of Presidents' Day.

Attendance & Meals Served:

- Meals served in December: on site: 243 MOW: 226
- Monthly Transports in December: 690
- Monthly Attendance in December: 1718
- Total Membership: 1364