

COMMISSION ON AGING  
MINUTES  
MAY 15, 2019

Attending: Patricia Burns, Presiding; Kip Burgweger; C. Burns; James Dougherty; Anne Marie Hynes; Steve Katz; Ellen Wolfson.  
Staff: Lori Contadino; Laurette Helmrich  
Guests: Joann O'Hara - RTM Appointments Committee.

Call To  
Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

Minutes: Minutes of the April 17, 2019 meeting were distributed.  
A Motion was made to approve the Minutes . Seconded and Carried.

Dept. Of  
Human  
Services: E. Wolfson reported that the Department has not met yet this month

Nathaniel  
Witherell: E. Wolfson reported that the Witherell board last met on April 22. The Board and an RTM Committee are meeting tonight to review the consultant's reports.

Friends of the  
Senior Center: P. Burns reported that an event is being planned for the Fall of 2020. A session is being planned to decide what the event will be and to set a committee. The purpose will be to raise both funds and awareness.

Senior Center  
Administrator: L. Helmrich reported that the computer/tech room is still on schedule to be completed by the end of this summer. The meatball madness event was a sellout. The Senior Center chef was the winner. The Fall challenge will be a ribs event and the Winter event will be mac and cheese. A clean copy of the Senior Center Bylaws will be distributed to Commission members along with proposed changes for a vote at the June meeting. The Junior League sponsoring a technology talk for seniors. It was an indication of the direction. The Bruce Museum will hold a program for our members including a tour of a new exhibit along with a workshop based on the exhibit.

GREATS: P. Burns met with GREATS to update them on the kitchen/dining area renovation project.

Commission  
Directors  
Report: L. Contadino reported that she attended the American Society on Aging conference. The theme was "Aging Strong 2020". A senior abuse program was recently held at the Center.  
Upcoming Events: Friday May 17 the Older Americans Month event - Joey and Maria's Italian Wedding. The event is sold out. Friday May 31 the Late Life Conference at Greenwich Hospital with the theme "Paving a Path From Isolation to Engagement". June 13 is the final event in this session of our distinguished speaker series with a theme of "What Will Your Legacy Be?"  
Dementia Friendly Program - Lori will speak at Nathaniel Witherell on May 16.

Future events are planned. There are currently 330 Dementia Friends who have gone through the program with 25 trained facilitators (Champions). The Lives Well lived event was a sell out. The speakers ranged in age from 68 to 101. The audience was multi-generational. A credit card system is being set up for the share the fare and food programs so members will be able to pay for these programs by credit card . A system for payments that normally come into the Friends is being explored.

Senior

Tax Relief: K. Burgweger reported that they want to explore increasing the maximum income level but feels this should be put off a year to see how this year's applications go.

Age Friendly

Greenwich: S. Katz and P. Burns reported that the Action Groups have been convened and that all but 2 have already met and prepared draft recommendations and actionable items. The Advisory Committee will meet on June 18 at which time the Action Groups will present to the Committee. COA members are invited to attend.

Next

Meeting: The next Commission meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 19, 2019.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by unanimous motion at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James B. Dougherty  
Secretary