

COMMISSION ON AGING

Minutes

March 6, 2017

Present: Eva Bowden, Catherine Lawlor,
Janeen Dolan Denise Weeks

Excused: Rosemary Hokanson, Ernest Reale

Absent: John DiSette,

Liaisons Present:
Patti White, Senior Center Program Supervisor
Durlene Mikkelson, Director of Human Services
Gerrie Bishop, AARP Liaison

Liaisons Excused: None

Liaisons Absent:

Meeting called to order at 5:41 p.m.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the meetings held on November 7, 2016 and January 9, 2017 were accepted as written.

COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LIAISON REPORTS:

Eva Bowden informed the group that Alice Robinson, a long-time advocate for senior issues and former AARP liaison to the Commission died. Eva attended the service at the Gallery.

AARP: None

POLICE DEPARTMENT: None.

HUMAN SERVICES:

Patti White and Durlene Mikkelson updated the group on the activities of the department. (Report attached)

OLD BUSINESS:

Eva informed the group that she and Rosemary Hokanson and Patti White are scheduled to attend the May 16 AARP general meeting, to present information on and obtain their support of, the AARP Age-Friendly Community application.

NEW BUSINESS: Eva informed the group that she and Denise Weeks attended the first Town Plan and Zoning Commission meeting on the Glastonbury Plan of Conservation and Development, to raise the Commission's awareness of aging issues and senior concerns in Glastonbury. Rosemary Hokanson will also attend some of the future meetings as her schedule allows.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Weeks, Acting Secretary

Department of Human Services

Commission on Aging Report

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Senior Center Program Highlights:

On February 7th we held a "What's New at the Glastonbury Senior Center?" event to inform participants of some changes being made around trips/activities as well as reminding them of the importance of using the My Senior Center software program to record their attendance and updating their emergency contact info. We received good press on the event.

On February 14th approximately 150 seniors attended the annual Valentine's Day Luncheon. We received excellent press for the event.

Due to increased attendance we will be moving Friday afternoon Bingo to Community Room B.

Successful outings in the past few months included: The CT Flower Show, The Met at the Kate in Old Saybrook, the Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven, and the US Nautilus in Groton.

We partnered with the Glastonbury High School Drama club and Student Council for their annual Senior Citizen's Lunch Theatre's performance. This year 62 seniors attended the performance of "Into the Woods". By all accounts the performance and lunch were a big hit.

Upcoming Events/Trips:

The Volunteer Recognition Event has been scheduled for Monday May 8th.

Our annual St. Patrick's Day luncheon will be held on Tuesday March 14th.

We have begun the training for the Aging Mastery program which is scheduled to begin in Glastonbury in September. The 10 week program combines evidence-informed knowledge delivered by community experts, goal-setting, daily practice and rewards.

Trips sign-ups are going very well for *Mama Mia* at Westchester Broadway Theatre in April and the New York Botanical Gardens in May.

Personnel:

The new Friendship Circle Coordinator, Steve Mekkelsen started in March, as did our new back-up activity coordinator, Chris Dudanowicz.

Michelle Veilleux, our Food Assistant for the past 5 years left for a full-time job. We are in the process of recruiting for her replacement.

HR is in the process of finalizing the hiring of an additional Dial-A-Ride driver.

The fuel bank usage has increased this year and was used 8 times during February. The Glastonbury community has been very generous with their donations.

Homeowners Tax Credit application period began in February until May.

There were 45 request for food bank during February.

Monthly Eye Openers and Monthly Caregiver Support group continue meeting.

Youth and Family:

Creative's summer production will be "Big the Musical", which will be the 43rd summer play. Auditions ages 7 and up will be held 5/15 and 5/17.

YSAG is currently looking for volunteer opportunities.

The Peter Plan Players will present Cinderella to all elementary schools and at the RCC.

Outreach workers held an evening when parents from Welles Village could pick out winter coats donated by the Chamber.

