

Regular Meeting
Commission for Elderly Services
February 19, 2014

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Commissioners Present

Chairman James Hubbard
Vice Chairman Grace Forbes
Comm. Sue E. Behun
Comm. Rene Caisse
Comm. Marcia J. Dobrowski

Commissioners Absent

Comm. Louis Bartolotta
Comm. Diane Stroman
Comm. Elizabeth Wojciechowski
Comm. Pauline Sampieri

Others Present

Mary Deptula, Director

Call to Order:

Chairman Hubbard called the Commission for Elderly Services Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. at the Doyle Senior Center, Ansonia, CT. All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The clerk took a roll call attendance and a quorum was declared.

Corrections: There were no corrections to the minutes.

Consideration of Previous Minutes: Ms. Forbes made the motion to accept the minutes as they had been submitted and Mrs. Dobrowski 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Public Session:

Chairman Hubbard calls the Public Session to order asking three times if anyone from the public wished to speak as there wasn't anyone from the public, the public session was closed.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Director's Report: Ms. Depula gave the purposed financial budget for the year 2014-2015. The 2013-2014 budget is \$132,969. The proposed 2014-2015 has been cut by 4% to \$127,650. If the figures are the final figures the budget will be a very stringent, and it will be very difficult to run the center with.

Thursday lunches catered by Asst. Director Mr. Kolakowski have at least 60 people participating at \$3.00 each; whereas, the Monday, Wednesday, and Friday lunches provided by Team have very few participants.

While discussing membership at \$5.00 per year, Mrs. Dobrowski asked for a breakdown of the membership ie: singles, couples, members that are in town, or from out of town. Mrs. Gibson will work with Ms. Deptula in coordinating the report.

Coffee is sold during certain times of the day. This is where the problem is occurring since there is a fee for a cup of coffee and many are not honoring the fee and just taking coffee. Silly as it may seem, since the price of coffee, milk, and other needed supplies continues to increase, there will need to be a streamlining of how to deal with the increasing cost and continue to offer coffee.

Discussion was given to the fact that there are two newspapers delivered daily at the cost of \$2.00 per day, \$10.00 a week, or \$40.00 a month. Mr. Kolakowski has been donating the papers for the month of February. A thought was to cancel the papers and ask the members to bring with them the home delivery newspaper they have when they go to the center any given day.

Finance Report: See Attached

Communications: None received

Late Communications: None received

Unfinished Business: Ms. Deptula priced window blinds with installation from Carroll Home Improvement, Shelton, CT. of which the cost for the four front wide

windows is \$850.00. Ms. Deptula was hoping to have monies moved from one line item to another to cover the expense of the blinds and to replace furniture. She does not feel that at this time that will be a possibility.

The grant writer is researching the availability of a grant for the exercise equipment. A stipulation of the grant is that there must be a certified instructor in mental and physical health to instruct the exercise classes.

New Business: Mr. Caisse asked if the outside of the emergency exit door had been cleared from snow and ice that had accumulated. Ms. Deptula stated that it had been cleared that day; therefore, the door could now open in case of an emergency.

Date of the Next Meeting:

The commission will meet on March 19, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. at the Doyle Senior Center, Main Street, Ansonia, CT 06401

Adjournment: Comm. Hubbard called for adjournment at 5:18 p.m. All in favor. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary C. Gibson, Recording Secretary

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