

Senior Services Commission

November 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Patricia Alsup at 10:30 a.m.

Roll Call:	Patricia Alsup	Theresa Fucini	Luella Landis
	Madeline Lowry	Mike Parent	Linda Polke
	Patricia Sienna	Helen Zalewski	

Absent: Mertie Terry

Others: Amy Saada, Senior/Human Services Director
Lynda Juda, Cromwell Resident

Approval/Amendment of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by Pat Sienna; seconded by Luella Landis. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2017 Regular Meeting made by Mike Parent; seconded by Madeline Lowry. All in favor. Motion carried.

Senior/Human Services Director's Report – Amy Saada

Grants/Funding – No updates.

The statistics show that average daily attendance for October was 114; 315 people participated in an event. The statistics do not include transportation usage.

The Senior Center has been painted.

There is a new driver (Paul) and Sharon is back from medical leave.

The donations for October for the food bank are 5,849 pounds of food and \$5,856 in monetary donations. Most of the monetary donations came from the "Feed our Neighbors" walk.

The balance in the Senior Donation Account is \$22,059.45.

The holidays are coming. There will be Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. The "Adopt A Family" program will collaborate with other town organizations.

There will be a food collection at Stop and Shop on November 18, 2017 and November 19, 2017. Amy is looking for volunteers.

All the families for the "Adopt A Family" program have been adopted. The fire department has done a Santa run each year and in the past, the toys have been donated to Human Services to be used toward the Toy Program but feedback was that the toys came in far too late for the program distribution, the toys were not age or gender appropriate for what our families consist of and there were many toys that were left over. Amy Saada did reach out to the Fire Department in September seeking collaboration on a program to meet the needs of the community and to address the feedback from past years and recommended a stocking stuffer drive but they have decided to continue with the Santa's Run to collect toys. We are not in need of additional toys as our families have all been adopted so they will not be donating the toys to Human Services this year.

Director of Public Health Update – None

Council Liaison Update – None

Old Business

- a. Facilities Update – The trim still needs to be painted. In 2009, a feasibility study was done and stated the need for a new facility. Mike Parent mentioned a location for sale in town. At the next meeting, the Senior Commission will come up with a subcommittee for a "new facility" for the senior center. The first step is to get the Town Council on board.
- b. Mary Konopka Event – The event will be in the senior center (not the lobby). Pat Sienna will pick up cookies. There will also be coffee.
- c. Dining Room Table and Chairs – Mike Parent provided a quote for tables and chairs. The cost for 40 chairs is approximately \$2,000 and the cost for eight 42" tables is approximately \$2,000. The cost for a faux leather couch and love seat is between \$600-\$700. Theresa Fucini looked at Ocean State Job Lot and Staples. Amy Saada got quotes from a used furniture company and they were more expensive.
A Motion to use \$6,000 from the Senior Center Donation account for new furniture was made by Pat Sienna; seconded by Luella Landis. All in favor. Motion carried.
- d. 2018 Meeting Dates – The dates are tentative.

- e. Website meeting agenda and minutes postings – The minutes and agendas are now listed on the town website.

New Business

The commission needs to try to get some new people for the sub-committee (to work on the facility). They do not have to be members of the Senior Commission

Citizens Comments – None

Motion made by Theresa Fucini to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m.; seconded by Helen Zaleswki. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Stockman

Recording Clerk