

## **Senior Services Commission**

**April 9, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Vice – Chairwoman Linda Polke at 10:30 a.m.

Roll Call:        Ann Grasso                      Luella Landis (absent from 10:48 - 10:53)  
  
                         Madeline Lowry (arrived at 10:35)                      Mike Parent (arrived at 10:31)  
  
                         Linda Polke                      Patricia Sienna                      Mertie Terry  
  
                         Helen Zalewski

Absent:            Patricia Alsup                      Theresa Fucini                      Claire Hickey  
  
                         Amy Saada, Senior/Human Services Director

Others:            Bob Byrne, Cromwell Resident  
  
                         Marilyn Teitelbaum, Cromwell Resident

### **Approval/Amendment of Agenda**

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mike Parent requested that a change be made to the meeting in section C. of Old Business (facility needs update). He would like it to read "Mike Parent met with Enzo Faienzo and gave him the letter that was drafted by the facilities subcommittee".

Motion to change the minutes of the March 12, 2018, Regular Meeting to state "...the letter that was drafted by the facilities subcommittee" was made by Patricia Sienna; seconded by Linda Polke. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Senior/Human Services Director's Report – Linda Polke**

Amy Saada was absent so Linda Polke read the Director's Report. Amy applied for Title 3B and 3D funding grants. Six Ipads were purchased with grant money from the Community Foundation of Middlesex County. They will be installed in late April.

The statistics for February: 107 average daily attendance; 2,235 (duplicated) and 393 (unduplicated) seniors served; 117 tax returns prepared; 188 seniors participated in an exercise class.

Upcoming events include: CRIS radio presentation (April 12, 2018); Lunch and Learn Event; Volunteer Appreciation Week and Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon (April 17, 2018 at 12:00).

The donations for the food bank in March were \$580.45 and 1,792 pounds of food.

Renters Rebate begins on May 2, 2018 by appointment. The last day to apply for energy assistance is May 1, 2018.

### **Director of Public Health Update – None**

### **Council Liaison Update – None**

### **Old Business**

- a. Spring Concert Event – Mertie Terry gave an update on the May 4, 2018 spring event with the Survivors Swing Band. The event will be at the High School at 7 pm (until approximately 8:45). The High School band will also perform.

Mike Parent received a \$190 donation from the Knights of Columbus to offset the expense for this event. The senior commission expressed gratitude to Mike for getting this donation. All donors (regardless of amount of donation) will be listed on the back of the program. There is no charge to attend, however there will be a donation jar. It will **not** list a "suggested donation".

Mary Tobias (at the High School) will provide students to give out the programs.

The commission discussed the need to advertise this event. Luella Landis passed around the flyer that is listed in the Senior Scene newsletter. The event will also be posted in the Rare Reminder, Middletown Press and Cromwell Chronicle.

Mike Parent will set up a concession stand which will be staffed by High School students (he will call Mary Tobias at the High School). The concession stand will sell bottled water, chips and crackers. The proceeds will benefit the Senior Center. Mertie reminded the group that she could not help with the concession stand and she asked members of the Senior Commission to be at the event by 6 pm.

Mike brought up the issue of crowds and what if there are more than 400 guests. The flyer in the senior center newsletter says to RSVP so that should help with the head count. There was also a question about paying for police (to direct traffic). Mertie will look into this.

There was a question about custodial staff at the event. At a previous meeting, Pat Alsup mentioned that she would request to have the custodial fee, if any, waived.

The commission would like to meet on Monday, April 23 at 10:30 to review the event.

- b. Facilities Update- The subcommittee with Tony Salvatore and Mike Parent gave him a copy of the old feasibility study. Per Mike, Tony denied that a feasibility study was being done by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Ann Grasso attended the Town Council meeting. Per Ann, Tony Salvatore said that \$15,000 was not set aside for a feasibility study. Tony will look at the 210 feasibility study. He would like to see a feasibility study for a community center – not a center for one particular group (library, seniors, parks and recreation, etc.). Per Mike Parent, Tony wants grant money to pay for the feasibility study.

**New Business - None**

**Citizens Comments – None**

Motion made by Mike Parent to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m.; seconded by Luella Landis. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Stockman

Recording Clerk