

**Senior Services Commission**

**June 11, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Pat Alsup at 10:29 a.m.

Roll Call:	Patricia Alsup	Theresa Fucini	Ann Grasso
	Luella Landis	Madeline Lowry	Linda Polke
	Patricia Sienna	Mertie Terry	Helen Zalewski

Absent: Claire Hickey Mike Parent

Others: Amy Saada, Senior/Human Services Director

**Approval/Amendment of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda made by Theresa Fucini; seconded by Mertie Terry. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2018, Regular Meeting to state made by Mertie Terry; seconded by Luella Landis. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Senior/Human Services Director's Report – Amy Saada**

Amy will find out in the end of June if they were awarded of the grants.

The average daily attendance for April was 107; for May it was 115.

The June Special Events include:

June 13, 2018 - Lunch and Learn with October Kitchen, which is an affordable meal delivery service. They will provide lunch and space is limited

June 15, 2018 – Father's Day breakfast

June 18, 2018 – There are 7 spots left of the Foxwoods Trip.

June 20, 2018 – Senior dinner and bingo. Amy will not be there, so Linda Polke will be sure that everything runs smoothly. The Town Manager has inquired why he is not invited to events. Linda Polke was also approached by someone who wasn't invited to some events. Linda will send Enzo an a-mail for him to distribute to appropriate parties. Amy Saada informed the commission that she sends the Town Manager her report every month and that he does not need to be invited.

June 26, 2018 – Lunch and Lennar on Senior living options

June 28 – AARP safe driver course

June 28 – Yard Goats game sold out very quickly so there will be two additional games to attend this summer

On August 20, there is Statewide Senior Outing at Holiday Hill. The cost is \$34 and it includes all day buffet with breakfast, snacks, lunch and activities.

The Senior Aerobics instruction is out on medical leave. The class will be on "hold" until she returns. Seniors can attend classes in Middletown.

There was a graduation party for the first iPad class. Amy Saada posted it on Facebook.

The donations for the food bank in May were \$1136 (4100 from the Knights of Columbus) and 1,435 pounds of food.

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

#### **Council Liaison Update**

The liaison was not there due to an illness. Ann Grasso will meet with Enzo tomorrow and address the absences of the liaison.

#### **Old Business**

- a. Fall Music Program – The commission would like to do another event, perhaps in the fall of 2019. In September, Pat Alsup will look into the high school availability for mid-late October, 2019.
- b. Transportation Grant Update – Amy Saada applied for a PT driver and will find out in the end of June. This would start October 1, 2018.

- c. Collaboration on "Creative District" Program – Ann Grasso met with Enzo and will meet with him again. There is a gasstation for sale. She has not yet talked to the owner because she wanted to discuss with Enzo first an then the Town Manger. She also met with Stu Topper who olderthat ath permits ouwnot be a progrlme. There are issues with the soil so it could be difficult to sell.
- d. Facility Needs Update– Theresa Fucini attendedanAppalachianTrails program at the South Windsor Community Center and it was as beautiful building.

#### **New Business**

Elections – Motion to nominate Patricia Alsup as Chairwoman of the Senior Commission made by Madeline Lowry; seconded by Luella Landis. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion to nominate Linda Polke as Vice-Chairwoman of the Senior Commission made by Mertie Terry; seconded by Pat Sienna. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### **Citizens Comments – None**

**Meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.**, however a general discussion ensued. Ann Grasso mentioned the absence of the Middletown Symphonic Orchestra in the summer concert series. It would be an additional \$700 charge for them to play, however money would not be needed until August. Amy Saada advised that the Senior Commission is an advisory group and cannot raise money.

Mertie Terry required more information and want to know what other groups will give money. Some of the members of the commission are willing to donate. Ann Grasso will ask Enzo if she can ask the Town Council for donations. Donations would be made payable to the Recreation Department with Middletown Symphonic Concert listed in the memo.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Stockman

Recording Clerk