

TOWN OF SOMERS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR SENIORS
MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2016 MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Chairman Deanna Schuetz at 1:31 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dory Bynack, Eileen Fedorowich, Deanna Schuetz, Phyllis Gwilliam, Tim Welch, Pat Bachetti, Joan Sizer.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Elaine Bemont, Ailene Henry

AUDIENCE: Lisa Pellegrini. Motion made to allow Lisa to speak at this meeting if she desires.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April meeting minutes approved with corrections to the spelling of "Acvisory" (Advisory), "Christine" (Christina), and "Commission" was changed to "Committee".

CHAIRMANS REPORT:

Coffee Talk: The format and open nature of the discussions was felt to be positive and provided audience members opportunity to bring up additional issues from the floor or anonymously using a written note.

Discussion ensued with respect to topics for the July Coffee Talk. The suggestion provided for the next Coffee Talk is a discussion of the Future of the Senior Center including Senior Activities.

There was also mention made about the new patio and retractable awning which attendees were encouraged to view after the April Coffee Talk. The consensus of the Committee was to encourage a move of the outdoor furniture currently located in the Library area to the outside patio. While that requires that the furniture cushions be brought in at closing, it is felt that this is a good way to initiate interest in use of this area. Temporary seating will be used in the Library area until the results of the outside furniture move to the patio can be reviewed.

There was also a continuing discussion regarding the fact that the Senior Citizen Center and the Senior Citizen Club are two different organizations that have the same audience and share the same goals. Efforts continue to be made to communicate this fact.

Technology: Of note is a new program called Facebook 101 that will be presented on 5/23 by a Somers Volunteer. There are still a few seats available.

MOW:- No changes or issues at the present time. Discussion revolved around the importance of the program and continued service to those in need. Several new meal recipients have been added to the delivery schedule.

Enforcement of sign-up procedure at Senior Center events: There have been ongoing issues with people attending events without previously signing up or people who have signed up not attending. While most people are positive in their response when it has been brought to their attention (privately) there continue to be those that just come and go at their own volition. It is almost impossible to prepare any event when the size of the audience is soft. The result can be not enough food/food wasted, not enough handout material and the like. The Committee supports enforcement of signup requirements with repeat offenders.

Sr. Support – There are 12 people currently receiving mailings with 3 additional anticipated. Appreciation was expressed to a relative of a Volunteer who provides cards for this activity.

Trips –

MAY EVENTS

- 5/13 Blain Manor Diabetes Education – Session 3 @2pm
- 5/16 Monday Matinee: *The Martian*
- 5/17 Bermuda Cruise Informational Presentation
- 5/19 Healthy Breakfast
- 5/20 Trip: *Mohegan Sun*
- 5/20 Blair Manor Diabetes Education – Session 4 @2pm
- 5/23 AARP Driver Safety Course
- 5/23 Facebook 101
- 5/24 Trip: *Nature's Village*
- 5/27 Blair Manor Diabetes Education – Session 5 @2pm
- 5/29 Bermuda Cruise Departs

JUNE EVENTS

- 6/2 Healthy Breakfast
- 6/3 Blair Manor Diabetes Education – Session 6 @ 2pm
- 6/6 Lunch & Learn: *Stonebrook Village*
- 6/7 National Chocolate Ice Cream Day
- 6/13 Trip: Cosmic Omelet
- 6/14 Blair Manor Lunch
- 6/16 Healthy Breakfast
- 6/16 Trip: *St. Clement's Castle*
- 6/17 Friday Matinee: *The Revenant*
- 6/20 Magic & Munchies: A Father's Day Celebration
- 6/27 Lunch & Learn: HomeCare Hands
- 6/28 Trip: *Essex Steam Train & Riverboat Excursion*

Senior Club – There are presently 194 members. On 5/18 there will be a “Tardy Mothers Day” event featuring *Jimmy Mazz*

Publicity – There was an article in the North Central News about the Senior Center. Our thanks to Joan

Woodcrest: Spring preparations and landscaping/cleanup are underway.

Old Business:

None.

New Business

Several Committee members remarked about how much they enjoyed the Mothers' Day Tap Troup and how other attendees enjoyed the program.

3:09 PM Motion to Adjourn made by Joan Sizer.

The next meeting of the Advisory Committee for Seniors will be held on June 14, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Welch, Acting Secretary

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