**TOWN OF PUTNAM**
**COMMISSION ON AGING**
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**Meeting Minutes**
**TUESDAY, April 4, 2023 at 6:00 PM**

Present: Stephanie Jarmolowicz, Louise Brodeur (via Zoom), Melody Cassio, Paul Desautels, Sheila Coderre, Laura Crosetti, Ann Russo, JoAnne Sorel, Rec Director Willie Bousquet, (plus 12 guests)

Absent: Linda Lamoureux

1. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Co-Chair Stephanie Jarmolowicz
2. Approval of Minutes from March 21, 2023: Mel Cassio made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Laura Crosetti. Discussion: none. Motion carried.
3. Petitions and Communications: No new information from Director Bousquet.
4. Unfinished Business:
   A) Community Room/Kitchen Update:
      i Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast (catered by school) scheduled for Wednesday, May 3rd, 9am in the community room. The transitions Bingo team volunteers will be invited.
      ii Newsletters (brief) are out for April and will continue monthly. Let Marcy know if you have any valuable info that should be included each month.
      iii Tons of free fresh eggs were donated for the Easter Bunny greet by the CT Poultry Assoc. There were so many eggs that meeting attendees were welcomed to take a dozen.
   B) Best Wishes Committee: Going out on schedule, thanks to Sandy's suggestion for reorganizing the files.
   C) TVCCA Update: Kitchen inspection is still on schedule, and facilities Kevin is assisting.
   D) Senior Van Update: Ready to go for April 20 road trip, then will go to Putnam Ford for A/C fix.
   E) Celebration Meals: April 10th = Easter Ham Dinner, April 21st = Ethnic Jambalaya Celebration. REMINDER was noted that Friday April 7 is Good Friday, no lunch and Town Complex is closed.
   F) Community Room Programming
      i Bus trip details so far:
         1 April 20, Thursday: Gregg's in Warwick, RI – sign ups available now! $15
         2 May 10, Wednesday: Chinese Buffet & Christmas Tree Shops in Attleboro, MA. Sign ups available in a day or so - $15
         3 June 22: TENTATIVE: Wrights Farm in Burrillville, RI
         4 July 20, Thursday: SAVE THE DATE – Summer Picnic at the Municipal Complex
         5 ARPA funding possibility is being looked into, thanks to Anita S & Ann R for bringing this to our attention as Thompson has succeeded with their application for these funds. Funds can be used for Capital Improvements or Programming.
   G) Topical program ideas:
      i **Surveys** recently ran in the Shoppers Guide, and are also available in the community room for activities input & looking for volunteers. To date 23 surveys have been received. Summary of most popular repeated suggestions for **activities** to be added: Dances (planning is in progress-stay

tuned for details), Dance classes, Chair Yoga, Tai Chi, Cooking Classes, Crafts (specific crafts assigned to improve attendance), Readings/Story Times, Gardening topics, Karaoke, Pitch League, More speakers (topics specific to aging or other). **Trips**: to Mystic, Slater Museum in Webster, Baseball games (Red Sox, Woo Sox, Yard Goats).

ii Louise B had provided Senior Resources flyers, and they are now available in the community room and on the Senior area of the town website. Anita S took some to share at Daily Bread when she volunteers there.

iii Louise B noted that she is working with the Wireless Zone on arranging a class on operating cell phones.

iv Photos of a recent Bingo day were shown, with kudos to the Transitions Team that runs Bingo during the school year. It is beneficial to both sides, and the players love Bingo and the Transitions Team are learning life skills and enjoying the social atmosphere.

v Since the Transitions Team is off for the summer months, we are looking for suggestions for a Bingo caller(s) for those months.

vi Dances: Are now in the planning stages, and report will be coming at the next month's meeting (May 2, 2023)

vii Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

H) Public Comments: None.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Paul D., seconded by Mel C. to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted: *Marcy B. Dawley*, Acting Secretary

Current Members: Co-Chairs: Stephanie Jarmolowicz & Louise Brodeur. Secretary: Melody Cassio
Linda Lamoureux, Paul Desautels, Sheila Coderre, Laura Crosetti, Ann Russo, JoAnne Sorel
**Meetings 1st Tuesday each month**