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APPROVED

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SENIOR CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
135 Bolton Road
Vernon, Connecticut

March 28, 2023
10:00 AM

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The Senior Citizen's Advisory Board March 28, 2023 was called to order by Chairman Ed Slattery. The following members were present: Patty Noblet, Ed Slattery, Bob Audet, Sheila Dunn, Maryann Hopowiec, Janet DiTarando, and Pam Faircloth. Absent: Wes Shorts and Nancy Sirois. Also in attendance: Director Maureen Gabriele, Advocate Carole Slattery, and Bill Campbell, Town Council member.

PUBLIC FORUM – No one from the public was present.

APPROVE MINUTES – The board took a moment to review the minutes as presented and with a motion from Patty Noblet seconded by Bob Audet the minutes were unanimously approved.

- SECRETARY'S REPORT – No report this month per Maryann Hopowiec.
- TREASURER'S REPORT - The Treasurer was absent, however, a report was presented by Vice Chairman Patty Noblet with the following information: As of January 31, 2023 the balance of the account was \$42,417.08 with an interest rate of 4.64%; balance as of February 28, 2023 was \$42,567.22 with an interest rate of 4.67%. A motion was made by Maryann Hopowiec and seconded by Janet DiTarando and passed unanimously.
- COMMITTEE REPORTS – No committee reports were presented.
- DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS – Maureen Gabriele informed the board that the newsletter was sent via email to members March 28, 2023 and was posted the previous week on the website. She reminded anyone who is interested in attending the Anniversary Party on April 11th should stop at the desk and sign up because the spaces are filling fast. Also invitations have been sent

to all our wonderful volunteers to attend the April 19th volunteer luncheon. Please be sure to rsvp so we can get an accurate count of those attending.

The Cardio Drumming Classes are a huge success. We are looking to potentially add additional slots to accommodate those interested. Maureen invited Patty Noblet and Janet DiTarando to update the board on the "Trail Walkers Group". The group will resume Tuesday walking activities beginning in April. Last year forty individuals signed up to participate.

Mah Jongg Lessons are being offered at the Center. One of our staff members is willing to teach members how to play. If interested sign up at the desk.

The Center is reaching out to other departments to partner on activities. Plans are being made for a Sock Hop in conjunction with the Rockville Public Library.

A discussion took place about the atrium and the uses of it as well as discussion on the drainage issue. The drainage appears to be corrected and the staff is looking for options for the space going forward. Gardens, plantings for shade and other suggestions were offered.

The board asked for an update on the bench for the Senior Center Property and the Rails to Trails. A committee of three Patty Noblet, Bob Audet and Janet DiTarando was put together to recommend three quotes to be voted on in April. The quote selected will be engraved on the second bench. The first bench quote has already been selected by the board.

- CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Carole Slattery read a Journal Inquirer article from the earlier days of the search for a dedicated senior center. She concluded her presentation by asking all board members to advocate for the dedicated Senior Center every chance they get.
- OLD BUSINESS – none presented
- NEW BUSINESS – none presented
- ADJOURNMENT – Adjournment was moved by Maryann Hopowiec and seconded by Pam Faircloth with the motion unanimously approved at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Wheelock
Recording Secretary