TOWN OF PUTNAM
COMMISSION ON AGING
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Meeting Minutes
TUESDAY, May 2, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Present: Stephanie Jarmolowicz, Louise Brodeur, Sheila Coderre, Laura Crosetti, Ann Russo, JoAnne Sorel, Rec Director Willie Bousquet, (plus 10 guests)

Absent: Melody Cassio, Linda Lamoureux, Paul Desautels

1. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Co-Chair Louise Brodeur

2. Approval of Minutes from April 4, 2023: Ann Russo made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Stephanie Jarmolowicz. Discussion: none. Motion carried.

3. Petitions and Communications: Director Bousquet discussed the ARPA funds for $27,018 opportunity and application progress. These funds were brought about due to Covid-19 impacts. It is a non-competitive application process, funds to be used to improve situations brought on by Covid, including vehicles for transportation. It was discussed within the town administration that funding paired with the ARPA funds would make this acquisition the best path to follow. Stephanie Jarmolowicz made a motion to complete the ARPA funds application to pursue a handicap van for the COA. Annie Russo 2nd. Motion carried.

4. Unfinished Business:
   A) Community Room/Kitchen Update: NDDH inspection to be scheduled before it is due in November.
   B) Best Wishes Committee: Cards going out in timely fashion, plus a voicefriend at the beginning of each month to celebrate the birthdays of the month.
   C) TVCCA Update: Annual contract and pricing come due every July (start of fiscal year), Willie & Kevin Lamothe (facilities) will now take over this task (from the town administrator)
   D) Senior Van Update:
      i Bus trip details so far:
         1 April 20, Thursday: Gregg's in Warwick, RI – 51 attended on a beautiful day
         2 May 10, Wednesday: Chinese Buffet & Christmas Tree Shops in Attleboro, MA. - $15 – we have 53 signed up at time of this meeting, with a limit of 60
         3 June 22: Thursday: Wrights Farm in Burrillville, RI - $15 – we have 19 signed up at time of this meeting.
         4 July 20, Thursday: SAVE THE DATE – Summer Picnic at the Municipal Complex

   E) Celebration Meals:
      i Tuesday, May 16th, TVCCA Ethnic lunch – dumplings
      ii Friday, May 19th, NO TVCCA lunch provided – sign up for Pizza & Cupcakes and water, asking $1 donation to go to TVCCA

   F) Community Room Programming:
      i Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, Wed May 3rd, 9am
         1 – we will provide a handout sheet for the community room listing volunteer activities to answer any potential volunteers more easily

ii Cell Phone Device Seminar: Wed May 17th 12-1, thanks to Louise
iii Bingo moving from Wed to Thursdays on 5/11 & 5/18 due to Chinese lunch & Cell phone seminar
iv Month Long Themes: Started with Humor in April, Military Appreciation in May, General Health in June (with a health bingo card to be completed during the month, but NOT replacing regular bingo)!
v Reminder was noted that the COA activities are offered & welcome to anyone 50 years and older, whereas TVCCA meals are available to anyone 60 years and older.

G) Topical program ideas:
i Mobile Mammography Van scheduled for Thursday 11/2/23, thanks again to Louise. Minimum of 10 to participate, maximum of 20. The paperwork will be gone through and mentioned at the next meeting so the understanding of the event is clear. Then we will begin to promote it at the appropriate timeline.
ii Senior Resources Live & Virtual program scheduled for Thursday 6/22/23.
iii Dances are being planned for fall/early winter at the Elks, Sandy R will contact a possible DJ:
1 Wednesday 9/13/2023: 1950's Back to School Theme
2 Wednesday 10/11/2023: Halloween Spooktacular
3 Wednesday 11/8/2023: Gobble Up the Dance Floor
4 Wednesday 12/6/2023: Christmas Party
iv Lifestyle Care Program is applying for funding to see if they can bring their program to Putnam in the fall.

H) Public Comments:
i Laura C asked if there any plans for a Health Expo? Director Bousquet noted: not at this time.
ii Paul D asked via email before the meeting if the voicefriend greetings could be noted as from not only Rec Department, but also from COA to highlight the commission. That will be done, and since texts have limited space available, they will say "from PRD/COA."
iii Director Bousquet mentioned that we may begin designated hours for COA work in the recreation office, to assure that we are using the hours as allotted (10 hours per week).

Adjournment: A motion was made by Sheila Coderre, seconded by Laura Crosetti to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m. Motion carried.
Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 6, 2023.

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

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Meetings 1st Tuesday each month