TOWN OF PUTNAM
COMMISSION ON AGING
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Meeting Minutes
TUESDAY, July 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Present: Stephanie Jarmolowicz, Louise Brodeur, Paul Desautels, Ann Russo, Melody Cassio, Laura Crosetti, Sheila Coderre, Rec Director Willie Bousquet, (plus 7 guests)

Absent: Linda Lamoureux, JoAnne Sorel

1. **Call To Order**: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Co-Chair Louise Brodeur
2. **Approval of Minutes** from June 6, 2023: Ann R made a motion to approve the minutes, 2nd by Stephanie J. Discussion: none. Motion carried.
3. Petitions and Communications: None
4. Unfinished Business:
   - A) Community Room/Kitchen Update:
     - i All requested health department updates have been made.
     - ii Annual inspection will be done before due date of November.
   - B) TVCCA Update:
     - i Regional ice cream social was held in Brooklyn location for all of the volunteers that assist with TVCCA lunches. Isabelle took sign ups and many of our volunteers attended.
   - C) Best Wishes Committee:
     - i We are striving to grow this program. Cards are mailed out and a monthly voice friend are being sent out to share celebrations. If you would like to be added to the birthday and/or wedding anniversary list, contact the Rec Office. We need the mailing address as well as celebration date.
   - D) **Senior Van(s) Update**:
     - i ARPA funds app
       1. The purchase order is in to Gengras Ford, to hold 9 passengers without wheelchairs, or 6 passengers if wheelchair is loaded. New van will be stored at the Armory along with the older van. Waiting to hear from state about ARPA application.
     - ii Current older van
       1. Still running well, and work will be scheduled to keep it at its best, but has not yet been done.
   - E) Celebration Meals: Birthday meal was enjoyed 7/11, Ethnic meal is 7/21 w/tacos & Spanish rice featured
   - F) Community Room Programming
     - i **UPCOMING BUS TRIP / TRIP CLUB**- details – Sign ups available for all of these now:
       1. July 13, Thursday NOON Trip Club meeting fun
       2. July 20, Thursday 1 PM: Summer Picnic at the Municipal Complex, no fee
       3. August 31, Thursday 9:30 AM: Samuel Slater Museum & The Lodge Restaurant Buffet, Webster, $20
       4. September 21, Thursday 10:45 AM: Twin Willows, Narragansett RI, $20, choose meal
       5. October 19, Thursday 10:30 AM: Hibachi Grill & Christmas Tree Shops (IF OPEN), Manchester CT, $15
       6. November 16, Thursday 10:30 AM: Gregg's, Warwick, RI, $15, choose meal

ii **PAST TEA PARTY**: 45 attended, $54 donated to Daily Bread

G) Topical program ideas:

i **"File of Life" Cards:** Vital info placed on refrigerators for 1st Responders. Cost $2000 for qty 1000. 2 sponsor spots available @ $1000 each. Louise has secured 1 sponsor. Need 2nd. Draft to come.

ii **UPCOMING SENIOR DANCES** at the Elks 6-9pm, with possible time changes to come. Laura C has secured a DJ – JL Sound for the series. Flyers are in the community room, on town website (COA is under the Parks & Recreation department page).

1. Wed September 13, 1950's Back to School Theme
2. Wed October 11, Halloween Spooktacular
3. Wed November 8, Gobble Up The Dance Floor
4. Wed December 6, Christmas Party

iii **Mobile Mammography Van scheduled for Thursday, November 2, 8am-1:30pm** thanks again to Louise. Need minimum of 10 to attend, maximum of 20. Insurance not mandatory, but if patient has it & HH will submit, otherwise donated funds are available to cover uninsured. Intake forms are available through Rec Department – those forms and questions go directly back to Hartford Health. Once intake is approved, their time will be scheduled. Press Release is ready to begin promoting after Labor Day. (PR & poster were handed out and are on the COA area of the town website in the Parks & Recreation Department page now).

iv **PAST Senior Resources Aging program, Thursday, June 22, 6pm**. Approx 13 attendees

v **UPCOMING FALL NEW PROGRAM**: October 3, 2023, instead of a senior fall fair, there will be a Fall Forum with 2 topics/presentations, and refreshments.

1. Monthly COA meeting will be held from 5-5:30pm this evening, with snacks in community room
2. 5:30-6:20 Gabbi Labonte on Probate issues, Room 109
3. 6:30-8:00 Alzheimer's Association CT Chapter, Room 109

H) Public Comments:

i Willie noted that we need to reach out with thanks to Linda Lamoureux regarding her heroic efforts for doing all she did for past Senior Fairs – "she did it all"

ii Louise commented on that COA current commission has been going since 2016, before Willie B, using AARP's definition: ages 50+. She urges to work harder to include the younger people, who are still working by offering evening programs. (Senior Fall Forum is a perfect example of this effort).

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mel C, 2nd by Sheila Cto adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 1, 2023, 6pm.

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