TOWN OF PUTNAM
COMMISSION ON AGING
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Meeting Minutes
TUESDAY, August 1, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Present:, Louise Brodeur, Paul Desautels, Ann Russo, Laura Crosetti, Sheila Coderre, Rec Director Willie Bousquet, (plus 12 guests)

Absent: Linda Lamoureux, JoAnne Sorel, Stephanie Jarmolowicz, Melody Cassio

1. **Call To Order**: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Co-Chair Louise Brodeur
2. **Approval of Minutes** from July 11, 2023: Paul D made a motion to approve the minutes, 2nd by Sheila C. Discussion: none. Motion carried.
3. Petitions and Communications: None
4. Unfinished Business:
   - A) Community Room/Kitchen Update:
     - i Annual inspection will be done before due date of November.
   - B) TVCCA Update:
     - i Nothing new.
   - 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.
       2. New van will be stored at the Armory along with the older van.
       3. ETA for possession early October at best.
       4. 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 8/11, Ethnic meal 8/29 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. August 31, Thursday 9:30 AM: Samuel Slater Museum & The Lodge Restaurant Buffet, Webster, $20 *(trip club fun Thurs 8/10)*
       2. September 21, Thursday 10:45 AM: Twin Willows, Narragansett RI, $20, choose meal *(trip club fun Thurs 9/14)*
       3. October 19, Thursday 10:30 AM: Hibachi Grill & Hobby Lobby Manchester CT, $15 *(trip club fun Thurs 10/12*)
       4. November 16, Thursday 10:30 AM: Gregg's, Warwick, RI, $15, choose meal *(trip club fun Thurs 11/19)*
     - ii **PAST Summer picnic**: 70 attended, Colleen & camp kids served, plus made favors and dessert

G) Topical program ideas:

i **"File of Life" Cards:** Vital info placed on refrigerators for 1st Responders.

1. Cost > $2000 for qty 1000.
2. 2 sponsor spots available @ $1000 each.
3. Louise has secured 1 sponsor. Willie working on 2nd.
4. 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). Seeking sponsorships now to pay for DJ and venue. Putnam COA provides chips & drinks. PR & advertising to come.

1. Wed September 13, 1950's Back to School Theme
2. Wed October 11, Halloween Spooktacular – *Christopher Heights sponsoring*
3. Wed November 8, Gobble Up The Dance Floor
4. Wed December 6, Christmas Party w/pizza, salad, dessert – *COA sponsoring*

iii **Fall Forum**: 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

iv **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).

H) Public Comments:

i NEW: 10 mini cornhole games – Monday morning open play 10-12, plus set up and clean up. Thank you to donors! Thank you Jane & Gloria for assisting Marcy with planning.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Ann R, 2nd by Paul D to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 5, 2023, 6pm

(Laura C, Willie, Marcy to meet at 5:30 for brief dance planning meeting)

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