TOWN OF PUTNAM
COMMISSION ON AGING
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Special Meeting Minutes
TUESDAY, November 14, 2023 at 6:00 PM

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

Absent: Linda Lamoureux

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 October 3, 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/PERMIT will be done before due date of November, thanks to Kevin.
   - B) TVCCA Update: No updates
   - C) Best Wishes Committee (Marcy): No updates
   - D) **Senior Van(s) Update**:
     - i ARPA funds app / New Van Status
       1. Now registered, going to Graphics Unlimited next for graphics, hopefully to be ready for use early 2024
     - ii Current older van
       1. Still running well, work will be scheduled once new van is in use
   - E) Celebration Meals: 11/15 Thanksgiving – big crowd 30 approx, 11/28 ethnic – shrimp stir fry
   - F) Community Room Programming
     - i **UPCOMING BUS TRIP / TRIP CLUB** – ***NEW RULES – must pay at time of signing up in order to avoid any confusion)***.
       1. November 16, Thursday 10 AM: Wright's Chicken Farm, Burrillville, RI, $15 one of the biggest trip sign ups so far with 64
     - ii **PAST** Royal Buffet, Willimantic : 56 attended
   - G) Topical programs:
     - i **"File of Life" Cards:** Released with good press 11/8, handed out to November dance attendees, EMS to start distributing to Ella Grasso & Little River Acres this week, Bulger/St Onge next week
     - ii **DKH Hospice presentation:** Tues 11/28 @ noon in community
     - iii **UPCOMING SENIOR DANCES** at the Elks
       1. Wed December 6, Christmas Dance Party, 6-8pm w/pizza, salad, dessert – *Generations sponsoring w/ Putnam PD:* Format: 6-7pm: Food, Santa & Christmas Carol Sing Along. 7-8pm: last chance to dance!
       2. **PAST** a 9/13 was 1950's theme, **50** attended, night of tornadoes
          - b 10/11 Halloween theme, **87** +/- attended
          - c 11/8 Thanksgiving theme, **90**+/- attended

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ii **HAPPENING ONGOING:** Lifestyle Care (Monitor My Health) – Weekly 9 month ongoing program, good participation

iii **PAST**: DKH Fall Prevention Presentation, Wed 9/27, **17** attended, one-on-one follow-ups now happening

iv **PAST**: Senior Forum: 10/3, **50** attended. Gabbi Labonte to be asked back again for a separate occasion, then next year's Forums will be scheduled after the monthly COA meetings for 5/7/24 and 10/1/24. Possible topics to be discussed at next COA meeting (ex: medication management/Dr Botta, powers of atty, living wills, Medicare, health care navigation)

H) **REVIEW/Approval OF 2024 MEETING SCHEDULE:** 6pm, Room 112 (1st Tues) unless otherwise noted

Jan 1/2/2024
Feb2/6/2024
March 3/5/2024
April 4/2/2024
May 5/7/2024*@ 5pm with Senior Forum to follow COA meeting
June 6/4/2024
July7/2/2024* moved to 7/9/2024 due to lack of members able to attend 7/2 due to holiday week
Aug 8/6/2024
Sept 9/3/2024
Oct 10/1/2024* @ 5pm with Senior Forum to COA meeting
Nov 11/12/2024* 2nd Tuesday at 6, Room 201 because 11/5 is Election Day
Dec 12/3/2024

Ann R made a motion to accept the 2024 meeting scheduled as amended above, Laura C approved, 1 member objected, 5 approved, motion passed.

I) Public Comments: Several compliments were passed around by members & guests regarding the success and growth of the COA

Adjournment: A motion was made by Paul D, 2nd by Laura C to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 5, 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, unless otherwise noted

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