TOWN OF PUTNAM
COMMISSION ON AGING
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Meeting Minutes
TUESDAY June 4, 2024 at 6 PM

Present: JoAnne Sorel, Ann Russo, Stephanie Jarmolowicz, Louise Brodeur, Leia Faucher, Paul Desautels, Anita Santerre, Rec Director Willie Bousquet, (plus 11 guests)

Absent: Laura Crosetti, Sheila Coderre

1. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Stephanie J
2. Approval of Minutes from May 7, 2024: Louise B made a motion to approve the minutes, 2nd by Ann R, Discussion: none. Motion carried.
3. Petitions and Communications:
   A) ARC is stepping up to lead Bingo through the summer months from 12-1pm, and our faithful/wonderful volunteer Judy O will mentor them @ the first session on June 13th.
   B) Paul D made a motion to name the Senior Forums the "Linda Lamoureux Senior Forums", 2nd by Louise B. Discussion as to how appropriate this naming is since Linda was a founding member of the COA and always strived to find ways to offer value information to seniors. Motion carried.
4. Unfinished Business:
   A) Community Room/Kitchen Update:
      i Town Annual inspection/PERMIT (due Dec) & TVCCA PERMIT (due Dec): all Permits COMPLETED for the year. No action needed until Nov/Dec.
   B) TVCCA Update – Reminder that as new attendees take advantage of the community room meals that tension may occur with new/different dynamics involved, but we need to maintain decorum and behavior.
      - Isabelle will work diligently to ensure that people who sign up for lunches get the menu item, and those who haven't signed up will be offered the alternate lunches as they are available.
   C) Best Wishes Committee: Update Rec office with your birthday and/or anniversaries so they can be included in the monthly celebration communications.
   D) Senior Van(s) Update: Grant funds available starting Jan 1st 2025 for a driver for new van so COA can offer 12 trips per year. New van was available to be used during Memorial Day parade for any veterans that could not walk the route, although it was not needed this year.
   E) Celebration Meals: Birthday 5/15 dijon chicken, Ethnic 5/21 dumplings
   F) Community Room Programming:
      i 6/6 Thurs, Trip Club Fun & Trip Sign Up meeting, noon, gardening theme – come have fun & sign up for future trips!
      ii 6/13 Thurs, Bus Trip to Blessing Barn (shopping) & Empire Buffet (lunch), leave @ 9:30, $20
   G) Topical Programs
      i **HAPPENING ONGOING:** Lifestyle Care (Monitor My Health) – Weekly 9 month ongoing program is now in final weeks. Attendees Louise B & Sue L report personal success by being involved in the program. The org that runs the program hopes to be able to offer another session at some point, and are working on fundraising at this time.
      ii **UPCOMING:**
         1 10/1/24: Putnam PD/Jennifer Basto Medicare Forum
      iii **PAST:**
         1 5/8 Wed, Christopher Heights & Matulaitis Dance at Elks – reported to be fun & rowdy
         2 5/9 Thurs, Trip Club Fun, noon – Mothers Day Theme
         3 5/30 Thurs, Foster Country Club buffet, 49 attended, great food & service
   H) Public Comments:

i Pulled pork picnic 6/13, starting at 4:30pm, fundraiser for Veterans Park & St Mary facility, tickets $15ea or 2 for $25, available in rec office. Eat there or take out.

ii Louise B asked if there were more File of Life cards available. Willie B to check with EMS/Tammy to see if she has any more. Otherwise at some point there would need to be new sponsorship to produce another batch.

5. Adjournment: A motion was made by Louise B, 2nd by Paul to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 9, 2024, 6pm, Community Room 112

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

Chair: Stephanie Jarmolowicz, Vice-Chair: Louise Brodeur, Sheila Coderre, Laura Crosetti, Paul Desautels, Leia Faucher, Ann Russo, Anita Santerre, JoAnne Sorel

***Meetings 1st Tuesday each month, unless otherwise noted** COA began in January 2016*