

Danbury Commission on Aging
Minutes of April 19, 2010
Elmwood Hall, Danbury Senior Center

Present: Helen Miller, Neil Corday, Jim Derwin, Charlotte Barrows, Sharon P. Kelly, Estelle Zimmer, Jay Geib, Susan Tiso.

Staff: Marnie Emerito, Susan Tomanio.

Absent: Mary Mazzucco.

Guests: Lisa Searles, Cathleen Ragone, Bonnie Leavy-Mello, Phylcia Roman, Sashi Hamilton, Shavonne Moore, Devon Williams.

Helen Miller called the meeting to order at 2:20pm.

Guests were introduced.

Minutes of the March meeting were reviewed, Sharon approved and Charlotte seconded.

Financial Report/Director of Elderly Services Report/Senior Center Coordinator Report: Copy attached. Susan says budget cuts continue. The City of Danbury has even cut funding of postage for the newsletter. The coordinator position will not be filled. Susan continues to do her job and cover the responsibilities of senior center coordinator. Bonnie Leary-Mello offered sponsorship of the Senior Center Newsletter. Susan to assess whether she can accept it or not. Training and instillation of new software program, My Senior Center, to begin May 13, 2010.

Municipal Agent Report: Copies attached. The 3rd floor of the old building is cleaned and the Danbury Scott-Fanton Museum will now be using it for storage. The clean out of the second floor will begin in a few weeks. Marnie explained food options in the greater Danbury area; see attached. Marnie continues to work on Rent Rebate program.

New member Susan Tiso introduced.

New Business: Estelle Zimmer made the commission aware that there are several internet scams targeting the elderly. Estelle sought to have a program at the center for seniors that would make them aware of scams. Susan agreed to arrange for this type of information program. Neil introduced a plan to eliminate distribution of reports at the COA meeting. Reports would be emailed ahead of time and could be reviewed before the meeting. This would minimize the amount of paper used and save the city money. The subject was discussed and it was agreed that we would trial this plan for May. Reports and the agenda will be emailed five days in advance. Helen Miller discussed the decision surrounding the need to postpone the Regional Commission Meeting until the fall. The other towns graciously accepted this postponement and look forward to the meeting in the fall. Our visitors talked more about scams and resources available to come to the seniors at the center.

Neil motioned to adjourn

Respectfully submitted: Sharon P. Kelly

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