

Danbury Commission on Aging
Minutes of November 12, 2012
Elmwood Hall, Danbury Senior Center

Present: Estelle Zimmer, Natalie Farrar, Annemarie Walker, Susan Tiso, Carol Gerner (Alternate), Connie Vitetta (Alternate)

Staff: Susan Tomanio, Margaret Emerito, Michelle McNamara

Absent: Neil Corday, Jay Geib, Mary Mazzucco, Ellen Seidman

Guest: Kay Schriber-Synergy Home Care, Bonnie Levy Mello-Laurel Ridge

Estelle Zimmer called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.

Minutes of the September meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved as written with motion by Natalie Farrar and second motion by Carol Gerner.

New Business

Susan Tomanio introduced Michelle McNamara new part-time Danbury Senior Center Coordinator, which is being funded by a grant from Peter and Lucy Buck, Subway Founder. Michelle is a Master's prepared Teacher at Ridgefield Academy. All welcomed Michelle.

Financial Report/Director of Elderly Services/Senior Center Coordinator Report:

Copies Attached. Susan noted that the statistics (numbers) were under reported related to the power outages and that the inclement weather policy is such that the Senior Center is closed when the Danbury Schools are closed.

Susan acknowledged all her staff and the exemplary job that they regularly do.

Municipal Agent Report:

Copies Attached. Susan acknowledged Marnie for all her work done on the rent abatement program. Conversation around the needs of seniors lead to the development of a subcommittee to work on a venue for seniors to meet each other for companionship and relationship development.

Estelle raised the issue of the Scam Video and raised discussion of best way to share it with others. The video can be viewed at the Senior Center.

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Estelle also reviewed an incident that occurred between a senior and a police officer. The senior needed to use the restroom which was not sensitively handled by the officer. Estelle facilitated discussion about how the COA may be able to support an educational program on behalf of seniors in Elderly Sensitivity Training.

Next Meeting January 8, 2013, weather permitting.

Susan motioned to adjourn at 2:05 pm. Connie seconded.

Respectfully submitted by:

Natalie Farrar
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