

Danbury Commission on Aging
Minutes of April 9, 2013
Elmwood Hall, Danbury Senior Center

Present: Neil Corday, Ellen Seidman, Annemarie Walker, Estelle Zimmer, Susan Tiso, Natalie Farrar

Alternates: Carol Gerner

Staff: Margaret Emerito, Susan Tomanio

Absent: Jay Geib, Charlotte Barrows, Mary Mazzucco,

Estelle Zimmer called the meeting to order at 1:05.PM. Reporting that Commission is losing an alternate member, Laura Switzer and Connie would move up from alternate spot.

Minutes of the March 12, 2013 were reviewed. Minutes were approved after addition noted.

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

Report: Copies Attached. Susan updated on the Wes Conn Learning Exchange reported that Michelle is working with some contacts she knows and movement is expected by the Fall. Also noted some statistics may not be completely accurate due to Center members not scanning their cards-system is 6 years old and Center is engaged with IT around issue.

Municipal Agent Report: Copies Attached. Estelle commended on the work executing the rent rebate program.

New Business: Estelle engaged the group on discussion around Elder Law Attorneys availability, consultations, and sourcing them. The issue of land phone lines becoming obsolete was also raised by Estelle who charged the Commission to think about the issue and its impact on seniors.

The issue of the Senior Net computer training program was raised and with Estelle's permission discussed. Program history, administration, protocols, retirement of program and how referrals of seniors requesting training were being made to the outside sources for computer training were discussed. Various passionate opinions were shared among the group. The Commission strongly reinforced the need, want, and desire for a continued program. Estelle requested that Susan get back to the Commission with an update as to the status of the computer class.

Among the Senior Net computer discussion the issue of outdated 1974 Commission ordinances was raised. The Commission requests that the ordinances be reviewed, revised, and defined as appropriate by a subcommittee. Given Commission members are appointed by the Mayor of Danbury the Commission unanimously requests that Estelle go directly to the mayor to discuss the issue of the ordinance.

Sue motioned to adjourn at 2:25PM. Neil seconded.

Respectfully submitted by:

Natalie L. Farrar, Member Danbury Commission on Aging

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