

## TOWN OF FRANKLIN COMMISSION ON AGING

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# FRANKLIN SENIOR CENTER 5 TYLER DRIVE FRANKLIN. CONNECTICUT 06254

The mission of the Franklin Commission on Aging is to provide information and services to the aging population, their families, and their care providers.

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FRANKLIN COMMISSION ON AGING HELD AT THE FRANKLIN SENIOR CENTER AT 12:30 PM ON TUESDAY, THE 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 12:36 p.m. PRESENT: Margaret Ayer, Susan Dagenais, Alison Dvorak, Judy Marrotte, Judi Novosad, and Laura Wheeler. ABSENT: Donald Eccleston, John Garosshen, and Thomas Shakun.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: None.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mrs. Novosad made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting as presented. Mrs. Ayer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **REVIEW OF REPORTS:**

- A) MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY: Mrs. Wheeler reported that she had fielded 12 telephone calls on energy assistance and medical services. She also reported that she had assisted Tax Collector Kelsey Allard in restocking the food pantry at the Franklin Town Hall, and helped redistribute Christmas gifts donated to the drive coordinated by State Police Troop K to local families through the Town of Lebanon and the Thames River Family Place in Norwich.
- B) SENIOR CENTER PROGRAM COORDINATOR: Mrs. Wheeler reported that the monthly events of Bingo, Birthday Luncheon, and Coffee and Conversation had been held. She also reported that a Painting Party was led at the senior center by Mr. Eccleston and his daughter Barbara, and that the Franklin Lions Club had held the annual Christmas Party on December 8<sup>th</sup>, with a meal of lasagna and entertainment of Christmas carols by the folk music duo Poor Men's Pepper. Mrs. Wheeler also reported that four trips were taken: to Sadler's Ordinary in Marlborough and to Holiday Lights Fantasia at Goodwin Park in Hartford, to the Bozrah Pizza Restaurant, to Village Pizza Restaurant in Preston, and to Sweet Evalina's in Woodstock. In all, 37 people attended the programs at the senior center, 40 people attended the Lions Club Christmas party, and 53 people attended the trips. Mrs. Wheeler also reported that a new exercise program would start at the center, and in March a program to scrapbook

trips taken would be held. Discussion was held on updating the brochure for the senior center, and on the distribution of a flyer on trash and recycling rules.

C) MEAL SITE MANAGER: Mrs. Dagenais reported that 26 meals were served during the month of December.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

A) UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING FACILITY ISSUES: The new furnace was installed on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A) DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING EVENTS: At the senior center, upcoming events include a trip to AMC Theaters and Ruby Tuesday Restaurant in Lisbon on January 9th, a trip to the Windham Vocational Technical High School's Culinary Arts Café on January 15th, a presentation from Thames Valley Council for Community Action on gluten on January 22nd, a trip to the Oakdale Pizza Restaurant on January 23rd, a presentation from Connecticut Legal Services on living wills and conservatorships on January 29th, and a trip to the Christmas Tree Shoppe in Waterford and to Denny's Restaurant in New London on January 30th. In the community, upcoming events include a free February movie at the Janet Carlson Calvert Library and a tea at the Ashbel Woodward Museum on March 30th, with a presentation on Connecticut fashions for a fee of \$25 per person; the museum opens at 1 p.m., with the presentation at 2 p.m. and the tea at 3 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

MINUTES TAKEN BY ALISON DVORAK.
MINUTES TRANSCRIBED BY TRACI HASTINGS.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, TRACI L. HASTINGS, CLERK COMMISSION ON AGING