

South Windsor Senior Advisory Council Meeting

April 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 AM by Daria Plummer, Chair. In attendance: Toni Baer, Tom Bartomeli, Andrea Cofrancesco, Mayor Audrey Delnicki, Tom Field, Alva Fitch, Hansa Khant, Sgt. Ronald Littell, Liz O'Brien, Elaine Smith and Kathie Stroh.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the February meeting with modifications (Fitch/Field).

Staff Comments: Andrea is happy to announce that the CRT lunch program has been restored and fully funded by the State Department on Aging. Brookdale had agreed to help by supplying food and meals, but thankfully we are no longer in need of their help. May is Older American month and Barbara and Tiffany have a lot of fun activities planned. We are expecting the bus Andrea ordered in 2021 to be delivered soon. It has been a long wait due to delays related to Covid. She is already in the process for applying for a new bus that would not be delivered for 2 years, if accepted. As an alternative she has is looking into purchasing a minivan that can transport a wheelchair plus 4 more passengers. A van can be driven by a driver without a CDL and would work fine for doctor appointments in congested areas such as Hartford. The Adopt a Shelf program has been renamed "Sponsor a Shelf". The response to this program has been positive with many community groups offering to help. Andrea is looking into transforming our mail and kiln rooms into a café for seniors to grab a bite to eat or a cup of coffee. She is waiting on quotes for taking the wall down, adding French doors and new flooring.

Community Resource Information: Sgt. Ronald Littell urges people with a loved one with have dementia or Alzheimer's Disease to register them with the "Bring Me Back Home Registry." Information entered will be used to help law enforcement assist in the recovery of missing or wandering persons. Information on the program can be found in the April Newsletter and at CT.gov. Upcoming events are: 4/27 Drug Take Back Day 10:00-2:00 at the police department, 6/21 Shredding Day 10:00 AM-12:00 PM at the Community Center and 5/17 Cornhole with a Cop at the Senior Center.

Council Liaison: Mayor Audrey Delnicki has nothing new to report at this time.

Old Business: A golf course in Ellington has agreed to offer lessons to interested seniors, we need at least 5 people signed up to make the program happen. Reading in the Schools is finished for this year. Daria speaks on the value of this program and the procedure going forward. Andrea agrees to continue next year with funding from community groups. If you have a book to suggest, contact Daria!

New Business: Dave Bakulski has resigned from the Council. A notice asking for anyone interested in joining the council was in the April Newsletter. One person has expressed interest so far. If anyone else is interested before the May meeting, the council will vote on who will fill the vacancy. Toni Baer suggested we start a committee to Plan to the Center's upcoming 45th anniversary. It is agreed that a committee will be formed in September.

Representative Reports:

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM (Bartomeli /Field).

Our next meeting will be May 14, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted by Liz O'Brien, Recording Secretary.