

# South Windsor Senior Advisory Council Meeting

February 13, 2024 Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 10:06AM by Daria Plummer, Chair. In attendance: Tom Bartomeli, Rob and Barbara Betteker, Carol Butler, Andrea Cofrancesco, Tom Field, John Habif, Hansa Khant, Sgt. Ronald Littell, Elaine Smith, and Kathie Stroh.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the January meeting (Stroh/Butler).

**Staff Comments:** People have been more responsive to swiping in. A report on the number non-residents now registered at the Center is forthcoming. Credit cards will be taken for programming beginning in March. The fee for those using the credit cards will be 2.9% plus a \$0.30 fee per transaction. Registration will be available online for all paid programs EXCEPT trips. We have to figure out how to manage this since there are only a limited number of spots available and not everyone does online payments. The dishwasher is up and running! The Center is accepting donations of mugs, so please drop them off. We are hoping to use mugs for our smaller events. The Whole Food donation came in for the Food and Fuel Bank electronically (\$10k). We are seeing so many new residents joining our center, it is energizing. Line dancing is extremely popular and since it did not say in the newsletter that sign ups were required, some people were shut out. This should not be a problem for March, as there will be a charge which requires payment prior to the start of class.

**Community Resource Information:** Sgt. Ron Littell reminded people about not sending money to anyone or giving out personal information over the phone. The Triad offered a presentation on self defense with the police department (20-25 in attendance) and a more physical program with about 12 in attendance. There will be an Internet Safety program on April 16 with Officer Pete Korchari. The police department is monitoring parking at the Community Center at times when they can.

**Council Liaison:** Mayor Delnicki, via her written report, that the Town Manager agreed to have better striping at the crosswalk area near Collins Crossing and Nevers Road commencing this spring. There will not be a new sign installed. She will have a report about the cross walk near People's Bank at the next meeting.

**Old Business:** Reading in the Schools will be held on 3/25 at Pleasant Valley and on 4/4 at Eli Terry. Emails will go out to volunteers on the Reading in the Schools distribution list when it's time to sign up.

**Representative Reports:** Carol reported that Sound Meditation recommended an additional charge of \$7 per session and not have the annual \$30 annual fee. It was agreed that this would be too hard to manage and that Andrea's charge is to serve South Windsor residents. The group was in support of the \$30 annual non-resident fee for all groups.

**Nominating Committee:** Carol reported for the nominating committee: Daria for Chair, Kathie for Vice Chair and John for Secretary. A motion was made to accept the report (Butler/Field). **Carried** Kathie suggested the need for a protocol for weekend dine outs for cancellations, as wait lists cannot be accommodated when there are cancellations and no one is assigned to receive that call in advance. Even if people come in person, wait lists can't be accommodated. Andrea will have something put in the newsletter that attendees should call Andrea's direct line at 860-648-6357 or email [swseniors@southwindsor.org](mailto:swseniors@southwindsor.org), as Andrea accesses regularly on weekends.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM

Our next meeting will be March 12, 2024 at 10:00AM.

Respectfully Submitted: Andrea Cofrancesco