

South Windsor Senior Advisory Council Meeting

November 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by Daria Plummer, Chair. In attendance: Toni Baer, Dave Bakulski, Tom Bartomeli, Rob Betteker, Andrea Cofrancesco, Tom Field, Estelle Fournier, Gloria Goslin, John Habif, Sgt. Ronald Littell, Kathy Longo, Liz O'Brien, Elaine Smith and Kathie Stroh.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the October meeting with changes (Betteker/Habif).

Staff Comments: Center updates: The Craft Fair is scheduled for Sunday December 3rd; we are looking for bake sale items! Some programs will be cancelled to accommodate set up on Friday and Saturday. Any profits made on trips this year will offset educational programs, which are offered free to seniors. Eric Chen will be here with his Community Orchestra Saturday Dec. 16th for 2 shows at 1:00 and 3:00 PM. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the South Windsor Food and Fuel Bank. Our new non-resident policy will go into effect 2024; non-residents will pay a \$30.00 annual fee to become a member. Steve Henderson will be back in February with a one person performance. He will be back to instruct our senior theater program in the Spring. Ryan will be running the Adopt a Child Christmas program this year. The new dishwasher is here but the electrical still needs to be updated to get it up and running; building maintenance is working on that.

Community Resource Information: Sgt. Ron Littell reports that Drug Take Back Day at the police station was a big success; needles were accepted along with the drugs. Stuff-a-Truck will be held at Stop and Shop and Geissler's on Saturday, December 2nd. They will be collecting donations for the Food Bank and toys for Human Service's Christmas program. The Triad will be hosting a pasta dinner fundraiser January 10th. The police are looking into a self-defense class starting the end of January. Watch out for scams; if you aren't sure, use Google to check if it is a known scam.

Economic Development Update: Andrea will check with Town Hall to find out who our new Council Liaison will be.

Old Business: The next Reading in the Schools will be at Orchard Hill School on Dec. 21 at 9:00 AM. The remaining schools will be scheduled in Spring.

New Business: Elaine Smith inquired about putting a charging station in the parking lot. The Public Works Department is already thinking about this, but there is no funding at this time.

Representative Reports: Dave Bakulski reports he attended the new Ping Pong group and had a great time. He is hoping it will take off. Toni Baer commented that the doors going out to the patio are too heavy to open and close and asked about putting push buttons at those doors. In addition, Andrea responded that staff needs to unlock the doors rather than prop them open. Toni also inquired about using a portable microphone during discussions (in 205/207), for the hearing impaired. Andrea reported that we have portable systems and will remind staff to use them. Wreaths across America will be December 16th at Veterans Memorial Park 12:00 PM. Wreaths will be placed on the Veterans' graves following the ceremony.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM (Goslin/Betteker)

Our next meeting will be December 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted: By Liz O'Brien, Recording Secretary