

**TOWN OF GRANBY
COMMISSION ON AGING
SENIOR CENTER/YOUTH SERVICES BUILDING
April 13, 2015**

PRESENT: Dr. Peter Barwick, Lynne DeMatteo, Incy Muir, Michael Ortengren, Dorothy Prior, Bruce Sullivan; Staff Present: Kerry Kielbasa, Sandra Yost

In Dr. Barwick's absence, Bruce Sullivan confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 3/9/15:

ON A MOTION BY Incy Muir, seconded by Dorothy Prior, the Commission voted (5-0-0) to approve the minutes of March 9, 2015.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

- February: Rosemary Pilvenis for helping at the community café on a regular basis.
- March: Pat Gilhooly for helping at men's breakfast by updating badges, converting to e-mail notification, etc.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

a. Sandy Yost, Program Coordinator.

- The accreditation groups are finishing up and will then submit their recommendations for the strategic plan. Karen Hood cannot continue as the liaison between the Purpose Committee and the Commission.
- People are not as interested in the themed dinners as they once were and Wednesday evening's conflict with the community meal provided at South Church. As a result, the Italian dinner that had originally been scheduled for a Wednesday evening will be postponed to a Thursday.
- The annual veteran luncheon will be held next month.
- A national program, Matter of Balance, is currently being held. It is a fall prevention program consisting of a total of eight classes held over a four week period. Another session will be held in the fall but can be done sooner if need be.

b. Senior Club

- There is presently a balance of \$9,286.37 in the checkbook.
- The talent show will be held on May 7th at 1:00 p.m. There is no cost to attend.
- The ice cream social will be held on May 31st at 1:00 p.m. The Solid Oak Band will play and Hood has committed to supply the ice cream. The cost is \$5.00.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT/TRANSPORTATION REPORT:

- The NCAAA and DOT grants were submitted in March.
- Tonight is the public hearing on the budget.
- Ms. Kielbasa officially gave notice of her retirement effective July 31st.

- Despite the weather last quarter, a number of trips were still held. Also, there was a substantial savings on gas as many of the trips were medical or close by.

OLD BUSINESS

- Purpose Committee/Strategic Plan: The Purpose committee is near completion and is waiting for recommendations from other committees. They meet again next Wednesday. They suggested the Commission look at term limits for the Chair and members. They are also concerned that the Commission will not have a representative from the VNA when Ms. Muir resigns. **ON A MOTION BY** Dr. Barwick, seconded by Lynne DeMatteo, the Commission voted (5-0-0) to have an ex-officio member representing the VNA as part of the Commission.
- Dorothy Prior brought up some recommendations from the Governance Committee. One being that the Commission look at the bigger scope of what is needed in town, such as an assisted living facility and adult day care. They felt these ideas need to be presented to the town as there is an aging population that cannot stay in Granby. Ms. Muir felt the connection with the VNA is important to this cause. Secondly, the Governance Committee recommended the Senior Club by-laws and Code of Ethics be reviewed and updated. Due to the time and cost involved, it was felt that a policy could be created to cover this.

NEW BUSINESS

- There will be a volunteer fair at the Senior Center on Wednesday, April 15th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. A number of community organizations will be present regarding volunteer opportunities.
- Dorothy Prior mentioned an initiative she heard of called “sensitivity training” that was sponsored by the Lions Club. Kits are given to area businesses that contain information that show some of the difficulties the elderly may experience. Ms. Kielbasa will pass this on to the Lions Club.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Bruce Sullivan, seconded by Lynne DeMatteo, the commission voted (5-0-0) to adjourn at 2:25 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane
Recording Secretary