

**TOWN OF GRANBY
COMMISSION ON AGING
SENIOR CENTER/YOUTH SERVICES BUILDING
November 9, 2015**

PRESENT: Dr. Peter Barwick, Karen Hood, Neil Kraner, Lynne DeMatteo, Dorothy Prior, Patty Sansone, Nancy Sheetz; Staff Present: Sandra Yost

Dr. Barwick confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 10/13/15:

ON A MOTION BY Karen Hood, seconded by Dorothy Prior, the Commission voted (6-0-0) to approve the minutes of October 13, 2015 as written.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

- Donna Snyder and Jean Violette are the volunteers of the month for October. They attended training and then ran the first Matter of Balance program.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

a. Sandy Yost, Program Coordinator.

- An adult coloring class will begin tomorrow.
- The annual Thanksgiving luncheon and holiday dinner have been scheduled. Approximately 60 individuals have signed up for the luncheon so far.
- Marissa DeLuca, Program Assistant, is presently working on winter programs.

b. Senior Club

- The amaryllis bulbs did not sell as well as expected.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- It is a busy time of year with the holidays and will then quiet down after the first of the year.

TRANSPORTATION REPORT

- The new van driver, Cindy Giraloma, has been coming up with new trips.
- There will be a trip to Goodspeed Opera House on Wednesday and a candlelight tour of Old Sturbridge Village on December 4th.

OLD BUSINESS

- Dr. Barwick left copies of the Senior Center newsletter at the Granby office of Connecticut Multispecialty Group. He noted that none of the doctors are able to meet with him. There was a brief discussion regarding the frustration around the lack of referrals to the senior center and the VNA. Patty Sansone suggested individuals who go to the doctor's office can talk about programs at the senior center and what the VNA has to offer. Nancy Sheetz stated the VNA can reinforce to patients what the senior center provides.
- As a result of the discussion at the last meeting regarding possibilities for Kearns School and the need for adult daycare in town, Dorothy Prior and Lynne DeMatteo went to the Caring Connector Adult Day Care in Windsor. They distributed notes on their visit and a list of other adult day cares in the State if anyone else from the commission wants to plan a visit. It was also suggested that finding the medical and social models in the area would be beneficial in order to provide contact information to individuals who are in search of such facilities. The Windsor facility is a medical model which is not presently full. Granby residents are welcome but must provide their own transportation. It was agreed that the Commission needs to decide how much time and effort they want to put into this project before making a proposal to the Board of Selectmen regarding a social model adult day care.

Next steps:

1. Define what we are trying to create and determine if there is a need
2. Visit McLean's social model to get additional information; i.e. what is being offered, are they at capacity, etc.?
3. Read information provided by Dorothy and Lynne by next meeting

Neil Kraner and Patty Sansone volunteered to go to McLean social center. Patty will contact them to get some possible dates and times.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

ON A MOTION BY Patty Sansone, seconded by Dorothy Prior, the commission voted (6-0-0) to adjourn at 2:40 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on December 14, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane
Recording Secretary