

**TOWN OF GRANBY
COMMISSION ON AGING
SENIOR CENTER/YOUTH SERVICES BUILDING
December 8, 2014**

PRESENT: Dr. Peter Barwick, Lynne DeMatteo, Karen Hood, Dorothy Prior, Bruce Sullivan;
Staff Present: Kerry Kielbasa

GUEST: Jean Violette

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 11/10/14:

ON A MOTION BY Bruce Sullivan, seconded by Dr. Barwick, the Commission voted (5-0-0) to approve the minutes of November 10, 2014.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

It was noted that Ms. Yost presented the volunteer of the month for November at last month's meeting.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

- a. Sandy Yost, Program Coordinator.** In Ms. Yost's absence, Ms. Kielbasa gave the following report:
- The holiday dinner will be held on December 17th at 5:00 p.m. At this time, approximately 60 individuals have signed up. John Banker will provide entertainment.
 - The Thanksgiving luncheon was very successful, with 123 individuals being served. Tim Mayock provided background music.
 - Conversational Spanish with Fred Kahlman meets Fridays at 10 a.m.
 - Jennifer Zinck is providing a three part series on genealogy.
 - The Alzheimer's and Grief & Loss support groups continue to meet.
 - The MS Support Group now meets at the Senior Center.
 - Eighteen individuals participate in healthy minds. There is a \$20 suggested donation. Ms. Kielbasa is presently looking for funding for this program to cover the cost of the counselor.
 - Ms. Yost is now in the process of putting together the newsletter for January and February. Due to the risk of bad weather, not as many trips are scheduled during this time of year.

b. Senior Club

- The checkbook balance is presently \$8,244.13.
- The town-wide mailing cost \$2,230 and the estimated net is \$4,760. There were 196 contributors, averaging \$35.69 per donation. Donations continue to come in.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT/TRANSPORTATION REPORT

- Ms. Kielbasa will begin preparing next year's budget within the next few days.
- There was a brief discussion around the possible need for assistance on the van when the seniors do their grocery shopping. Ms. Kielbasa explained that the van drivers provide help when needed, including helping individuals to and from their house. Dorothy Prior had concerns for people who become housebound. She inquired if it would be possible for the Senior Center to provide volunteers to help people with services such as pea pod. It was mentioned that for individuals who don't have a computer, Geissler's provides a similar service and the orders can be called in.

OLD BUSINESS

- A letter of intention for accreditation will go out by the end of the month. The biggest piece will be the strategic plan.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Bruce Sullivan, seconded by Dorothy Prior, the commission voted (5-0-0) to adjourn at 2:08 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, January 12, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane
Recording Secretary