

**TOWN OF GRANBY
COMMISSION ON AGING
SENIOR CENTER/YOUTH SERVICES BUILDING
September 10, 2012**

PRESENT: Dr. Peter Barwick, Lori Blackburn, George Bronsord, Joanne Desrosiers, Karen Hood, Dorothy Prior, Bruce Sullivan; Staff Present: Kerry Kielbasa, Director of Human Services; Sandy Yost, Program Coordinator

Dr. Barwick confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 6/11/12:

The minutes of June 11, 2012 were reviewed. Bruce Sullivan noted that on page 2 the minutes stated the next meeting would be held on September 11, 2012 instead of September 10th. **ON A MOTION BY** Bruce Sullivan, seconded by Lori Blackburn, the Commission voted (7-0-0) to approve the minutes of June 11, 2012 as corrected.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH:

- Ms. Yost reported that Dallas Savard is the volunteer of the month for June. She approached Ms. Yost a year ago about creating the senior center calendar, which has been completed.
- Ed Judge is the volunteer of the month for July as he was instrumental in putting the calendar together.
- Roy and Audrey Seaton are the volunteers of the month for August for their continued participation in setting up for the Monday morning coffee group.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT:

a. Sandy Yost, Program Coordinator

- The new calendar is available to anyone who pays their membership. Every month features a different club or activity and a personal testimony from someone who attends that club or activity.
- The civic engagement group has chosen their second project of putting together a durable medical equipment closet, i.e. wheelchairs, walkers, canes, etc. There is a space they can use at Holcomb Farm and they are now working on how to staff it for drop offs and pick-ups. They will not take anything motorized, hospital beds or personalized items but will have a referral service for those items.
- Time to Reminisce is a program that will be a collaboration with Meadowbrook. Seniors will be asked about their life story, which will be typed up and if interested, will also be scrapbooked for them.
- Presently working on a computer program which would be a collaboration with the library and Youth Services. Students from the high school would help seniors with new technology, i.e. kindles, cell phones, digital photography, etc.

b. Bruce Sullivan, Senior Club Treasurer

- The checkbook balance is presently \$6,575.00.
- The civic engagement group had inquired if there was a way the durable medical equipment closet could fall under the Senior Club's non-profit status so individuals who donate goods can get tax credit. Mr. Sullivan has looked into this and will be getting the paperwork to put this in place.
- The ice cream social went very well and made a total of \$404.00. Ms. Prior commented that all the volunteers did a great job.
- Ms. Prior would like to get someone to come out and speak about high blood pressure.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Bids are out for the floor replacement in the community room.
- The grease trap has been installed.
- There have been some issues in the community regarding fraud. As a result, Ms. Kielbasa would like to put together a seminar on identity theft and fraud.

TRANSPORTATION REPORT

- Work was done on some of the vans over the summer. Van 8 needed a new air conditioner and a back-up camera was installed in van 62, along with a new bumper.
- The van traveled 3,800 more miles than the previous fiscal year. There were 78 more trips and 30 more riders. (Ms. Kielbasa also noted that exercise had 80 more participants than the previous fiscal year and 340 more meals were served).
- Mr. Sullivan noted what a good job Nancy Grakowsky, Transportation Coordinator, does scheduling medical appointments in order to accommodate as many appointments as possible.

OLD BUSINESS

- Lori Blackburn, in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Association, would like to schedule a virtual dementia tour in the spring. This will be held at Meadowbrook and facilitated by Arden Courts.
- Mr. Sullivan felt it is time he and Dr. Barwick schedule another presentation to the Board of Selectmen. Dr. Barwick asked Karen Hood to join them.

NEW BUSINESS

- In November, Meadowbrook will be having an asset protection seminar with Attorney Bickford presenting.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY George Bronsord, seconded by Lori Blackburn, the commission voted (7-0-0) to adjourn at 2:35 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane
Recording Secretary