

**TOWN OF GRANBY  
COMMISSION ON AGING  
SENIOR CENTER/YOUTH SERVICES BUILDING  
October 9, 2012**

**PRESENT:** Karen Hood, Neil Kraner, Incy Muir, Dorothy Prior, Bruce Sullivan; Staff Present: Kerry Kielbasa, Director of Human Services; Sandy Yost, Program Coordinator

Bruce Sullivan confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 9/10/12:**

**ON A MOTION BY** Bruce Sullivan, seconded by Neil Kraner, the Commission voted (5-0-0) to approve the minutes of September 10, 2012 as written.

**VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH:**

- Ms. Yost reported that Ken Weisman, CHOICES Counselor, is the volunteer of the month for September.

**ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**a. Sandy Yost, Program Coordinator**

- Ms. Yost explained that although it has been difficult to get people to attend educational programs, it is important to continue to offer them. She is presently working with Dorothy Prior to put together a fraud prevention program. Lori Blackburn is also looking into providing a virtual dementia tour.
- The VNA is sponsoring a “Senior Showcase” on November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Sandy Fleet of the VNA contacts local businesses that provide services to seniors. The purpose of the showcase is to provide information that people might find of interest and meet people who may be able to help them. Ms. Muir stated that they have done this in other towns and it has been very well received.
- There has already been one flu clinic and another is scheduled.
- The Civic Engagement group is getting closer to getting the durable medical equipment closet up and running. There is also a sub-committee that is gathering information regarding continuing education. They are looking at what surrounding towns provide, on-line opportunities, etc., and will also explore whether or not there is a need for similar opportunities in town.

**b. Bruce Sullivan, Senior Club Treasurer**

- There is presently over \$6,000 in the checkbook, most of which will be donated to the cost of the new flooring in the community room.

- Mr. Sullivan stated that at last month's meeting, he incorrectly reported the amount that was made at the ice cream social. The event made \$304, not \$404 as he reported.
- Ms. Prior reiterated that she has been working with Ms. Yost on putting together an informational session on fraud. She left a message with CT Legal Services and contacted People's Bank.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT/TRANSPORTATION REPORT**

- There were 1,835 trips in the first quarter and the vans traveled 5,730 miles.
- Ms. Kielbasa reported they are still searching for a floor product for the community room and she toured some senior centers last week.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Ms. Kielbasa stated that over the past year attendance at the evening meals has dropped significantly. In order to cover the cost of a dinner, at least 50 people are needed to attend. As a result, many of the dinners have been cancelled. She inquired if the Commission could look into this by possibly creating a survey or holding a focus group, etc. Ms. Hood volunteered to put together a survey and asked the other Commission members to e-mail her their suggestions.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION BY** Bruce Sullivan, seconded by Neil Kraner, the commission voted (5-0-0) to adjourn at 2:10 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane  
Recording Secretary