

**TOWN OF GRANBY
COMMISSION ON AGING
SENIOR CENTER/YOUTH SERVICES BUILDING
November 13, 2012**

PRESENT: Dr. Peter Barwick, George Bronsord, Joanne Desrosiers, Incy Muir, 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 10/9/12:

ON A MOTION BY Bruce Sullivan, seconded by Dorothy Prior, the Commission voted (6-0-0) to approve the minutes of October 9, 2012 as written.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH:

- Ms. Yost reported that Jean Violette is the volunteer of the month for October for her leadership within the Civic Engagement Group with the durable medical equipment closet project.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT:

a. Sandy Yost, Program Coordinator

- Ms. Yost reported that drop offs and pick-ups for the durable medical equipment closet will be done by appointment only. Individuals should call her at the Senior Center and she will get in touch with a volunteer who will meet people at Holcomb Farm.
- The Senior Showcase was held on Friday, November 2nd. Approximately 22 to 25 businesses were represented with about 60 people attending. The feedback was very positive.
- The Thanksgiving luncheon will be held this Thursday and 88 individuals have signed up so far.
- The holiday dinner will be held on December 19th at 5:00 p.m. The entertainment will be provided by “We got Rhythm”.
- “Technology Bootcamp” will be held at the library on Sunday afternoon’s beginning in January. The program is a collaboration between Youth Services and the library. Students will tutor seniors on technology, i.e. E-readers, I-pods, Skype, etc.
- The Senior Center now has a facebook page.

b. Bruce Sullivan, Senior Club Treasurer

- The checkbook balance is presently \$6,975.61.
- Dorothy Prior is in the process of putting together a holiday celebration for Senior Club members.
- The club will sponsor a family for the Social Services holiday program.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT/TRANSPORTATION REPORT

- Social Services has been very busy, particularly with fuel assistance.
- The Thanksgiving basket distribution will be this Sunday. There about 50 families participating.
- Ms. Kielbasa reported she is still looking at flooring for the community room but can't shut down between now and the holidays because it is too busy.

TRANSPORTATION REPORT

- There have been a few changes regarding coordinating rides through TAP. The Senior Center will be contacted first. The Transportation Coordinator will determine if the center can help them and if not, they will be referred back to TAP.

OLD BUSINESS

- The draft of the dinner survey was distributed for discussion. The survey will be renamed "Meal Survey" and "monthly dinner" will be changed to "themed meal". There will be some formatting changes made to allow more space. Mr. Sullivan will make all suggested changes and distribute to commission members for review. Once approved, the survey will be distributed with the newsletter and at the men's and women's breakfast.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Prior inquired about the possibility of sending a yearly letter to residents detailing what the Senior Center provides and asking for donations. Ms. Kielbasa explained that would need to come from the Senior Club as an annual appeal.
- Ms. Prior suggested holding an event at a facility other than the Senior Center or tapping into an event where some of the proceeds would benefit the Senior Club. She will look into this further.
- Ms. Desrosiers inquired if anyone ever looked into the possibility of using the pool at the YMCA. Although there haven't been a lot of requests for swimming in the past, she will contact the Y to get information.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY George Bronsord, seconded by Joanne Desrosiers, the commission voted (5-0-0) to adjourn at 2:33 p.m. It should be noted that Incy Muir excused herself from the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, December 10, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane
Recording Secretary