

**COMMISSION ON THE AGING
4 Brush Hill Road
New Fairfield, CT 06812**

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

August 25, 2009

A regular meeting of the Commission on the Aging was held on Tuesday August 25, 2009 at the New Fairfield Senior Center. Maureen Salerno called the meeting to order at 7:33pm. Secretary, Laurie Busse, took the minutes.

Present: Maureen Salerno, Chair, Jeannette Sweeney, Janet Loya and Kathy Hull

Absent: Cindy LaCour, Vice Chair, Bob Alberetti Katy Johannssen, and Roberta Ilardo

Elevation of Alternates:

Jeannette Sweeney was elevated to full voting status

MINUTES:

Janet Loya made a motion to adopt the Minutes to the July 28, 2009 meeting, 2nd by Jeannette Sweeney vote 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Citizen News Article regarding the Dinner to honor Mary Ann Carson.
- The Hospice is holding their annual breakfast on October 29. The cost per table is \$90.00

OLD BUSINESS

1. Community Forum

Maureen Salerno has been in touch with Jack Gesino who will check to see if he is available on Saturday November 7. Discussion focused on having responders to Jack Gesino's presentation and the possibility of having the responders break out into groups. Maureen Salerno will talk to Jack Gesino about a responding panel. The Commission discussed catchy phrases to get people in the door for the Community Forum. The Commission would like to see a group not related to the Senior Center serve refreshments such as the youth groups with the local churches or the DECA group at the High School.

2. Provider Resource Directory

The printing is being held up because CACD has taken over the RSVP program and a phone number for CACD-RSVP is needed. Discussion followed the directory will be printed without the Fix It program in RSVP.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Summit Invitations:

The Commission received an invitation from Chris Robertson of the Ridgefield Commission on the Aging to attend a Regional Meeting on Saturday October 3 2009 from 10am to 1pm. Maureen Salerno will not be able to attend; Jeannette Sweeney and Janet Loya thought they may be able to attend. Maureen Salerno will contact Chris Robertson.

2. Senior Center Report

The Senior Center Report for July was discussed as outlined. Discussion focused on the new programs that are being offered. The Flu Clinic will be held October 8 and 9 and there is a possibility of having the H1N1 Virus included in this. Friday September 18 from 3-6pm will be Community Appreciation Day and an Open House for the new Senior Center. The circulation of the Age Matters Newsletter has increased as many people have stopped by to see the new Senior Center and have signed up. A Men's Breakfast was held noting it was a big success. Further discussion focused on having greeters to greet new faces to the Senior Center.

At the dinner honoring Mary Ann Carson Jeannette Sweeney gave the history of how the Senior Center came about. Discussion followed on the possibility of putting this speech onto the website.

3. Best Practices Senior Report--Tabled

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Maureen Salerno will be away from September 9 thru 21.

ADJOURN:

Jeannette Sweeney made a motion to adjourn at 8:45pm 2nd by Kathy Hull.