

Commission on the Aging

4 Brush Hill Road, New Fairfield, Ct. 06812

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

7:30pm

Present: Kathy Hull, Cindy La Cour, Roberta Ilardo, Maureen Salerno

Absent: Janet Loya, Julia MacMillan and secretary, Lisa Zustovich

Guest: Pastor Liz Yoho, New Fairfield Congregational Church

Tonight's Agenda was tabled so that the Commissioners would have ample time to dialogue with Pastor Yoho.

Per last month's meeting, Maureen was to contact the town churches and N.F. Social Services to inquire if they found any unmet needs among the senior population during the pandemic.

Fr. Nick of St. Edward's Church reported none documented.

Methodist Church-no reply as yet.

Lutheran Church-no reply as yet.

Cindy White, NF Social Services reported isolation but will get back to us on the issue.

Congregational Church-Pastor Liz Yoho accepted our invitation to attend tonight's meeting.

Pastor Yoho explained that her church cooperated with Social Services and the Senior Center for food distribution when the Center had to close. She related that the distribution went well-making adjustments as needs changed. Volunteers made it happen. Pastor's office /phone served as the contact location.

The isolation factor has been mentioned many times. Kathy Hull related that her staff and COA volunteers made phone calls to ease the isolation. Pastor Yoho related that her congregation has a way to reach out to their members.

Even though our intentions were good, we are mindful of people's privacy.

Pastor Yoho expressed interest in a coordinated effort to address the needs of our elders. She informed us that at this time there are no formal clergy meetings taking place.

We discussed the COA role per legislative mandate.

A brief brainstorming session took place re continuing our dialogue.

The members expressed their appreciation to Pastor Yoho for her time tonight and for all her efforts during the pandemic.

Motion to adjourn was made by Cindy LaCour, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roberta Ilardo. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm,

Maureen Salerno, Chair, recorded the minutes.

*Maureen Salerno*

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