

MANSFIELD COMMISSION ON AGING

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2019

PRESENT: Will Bigl (2021), Laurie McMorrow (2020), Bev Korba (2021), Don Nolan (2020), Martina Wharton (2020), Dorothea Mercier (2020), John Riesen (2021), Nancy Trawick-Smith (2020)

ABSENT: Pat Schneider, Diane Carson, Judy Bigl

STAFF LIASON MEMBERS: Sarah Taylor (Senior Center Supervisor), Mary Flood (Program Coordinator), Marie Hakmiller (MSCA)

COMMUNITY LIASON MEMBERS: John Adamcik (Wrights Way), Fran Chesko (Glen Ridge Cooperative)

GUEST: Joanne Sousa, Katharine Otto, WRTD

January 14, 2019 minutes were accepted with correction

Katharine Otto from WRTD gave presentation:

- A notice to change fares was sent out to clients.
- If approved, a 10- punch card costing \$12.00 will be offered as an option for those not wishing to pay a monthly fee.
- Also, a \$3.00 fee will go into effect after April for adults and disabled using Dial a ride service.
- The public will be notified of the upcoming changes through using posters in buses, local newspaper, agency web site and mailings to all clients.
- It will take at least 6 months for new changes in bus routes to be initiated.
- WRTD has offered training sessions to all interested parties to minimize confusion for seniors.

SARAH TAYLOR'S REPORT:

- Senior Center quarterly report was distributed to committee members.
- The Town Manager has requested a monthly report to assess how the center is affecting people's lives.
- Sarah handed out the "Outcome Measures Plan" that will be used as a tool to measure the progress of each program throughout the year. Each month will feature a different target group. The information gathered will be evaluated at the end of the year to determine what changes (if any) need to be made in specific areas. At least 30 participants per month is the goal of the survey.
- The budget continues to be a work in progress.

- Final interviews for a 10- hour office position and a 19 -hour Senior Center Assistant are scheduled for upcoming weeks.
- Work to clean out the kitchen to make adequate room for the nutrition and café work spaces continues.
- Work on policies and procedures for building use continues.
- Staff training for new staff including CPR training will be conducted during the Senior Center shut down week.

MARY FLOODS REPORT:

- A classic movie night has been added to the entertainment offerings for seniors.
- The Caregiver Group is meeting one time per month and is encouraging new members to join.
- “To Whom It May Concern” is a scripted performance scheduled to debut during the evening of March 26,2019. It gives a voice to people living with dementia.

MARIE HAKMILLERS REPORT:

MSCA will be hosting a National Pancake Day gathering on February 27, 2019 from 4:30 to 7 pm. Cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 5.

MSCA has 141 members at present.

AGENCY GRANTS: COA members unanimously passed motions to accept Companion and Homemakers request for \$ 3,000 (same as last year) and TVCCA’s request for \$5,000 (an increase from last year).

JOANNE SOUSA attended the meeting and asked to be considered as member of COA. She will be filling the seat of her dear friend Bettejane Karnes who recently passed away. Her application will go to the Committee on Committees for consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 10: 35 am

Next meeting will be held on Monday March 11, 2019 @ 9:30 am

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bev Korba, Secretary