

## COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES

September 8, 2014

**Present:** Commission members Helen de Keijzer, Nina Daniel, Laura Smits, Bruce Lorentzen, Peg Anderson and Don Gumaer; Program Coordinator Pam Wilson; Social Services Director Charlene Chiang Hillman; SWCAA liaison Meta Schroeder.

Meeting convened 9:25 a.m.

**SWCAA:** Meta reported that SWCAA will be celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Norwalk Inn from 4:30 until 7:30 p.m. All Commission members are invited and encouraged to attend. The Meadow Ridge Seniors are looking for a place to swim. Meta shared Westport's program and class registration list.

**Minutes:** Approved by consensus.

**Dial-A-Ride:** Gordon distributed his report. It has been busy. The air conditioning in the old bus has been fixed and new doors have been installed on the van. Gordon asked if we had heard from Tom Landry about our planned purchase of a new van. Bruce is working on this and trying to connect with Joe LaMetta. The group had a discussion about details/options that are desired for the new van. Bruce asked Gordon if he has been reimbursed for his required physical. He has not. Nina asked if it would be possible to use the van for a trip to see the new exhibit at the Weston Historical Society. Pam and Gordon will work on this.

**Social Services:** Charlene reported that it had been a quiet summer. Charlene has been contacted by the Chair of *Stay At Home Wilton*, a program that provides seniors with the names of suppliers to help them stay in their homes. She is not sure this is right for Weston since most of our seniors already have vendors in place due to our town consisting of single family homes. There is a group trying to spread the word about mental health issues for seniors. Norfield Church will be providing yard work and home repairs to some Weston seniors on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> during their annual "Day of Giving."

**Senior Center:** Pam reported for Wendy. Helen updated the group about the progress of the renovation/expansion project. Helen believes that most of the work will be done by the beginning of October. Helen asked if Pam and Wendy have discussed how to utilize the additional space. Discussion ensued. The Commission will plan to hold an Open House sometime in November. There was a discussion about how to make the new parking spaces more visible. Pam reported that Carla began work at the center over the summer and hopefully will continue, once a job description has been created. She currently works 10 hours per week. Pam and Wendy have been working on designing the interior of the new space with Nina. Pam reported that seniors will be making centerpieces to include in the Thanksgiving Holiday baskets distributed by the PTOS/schools. There is a wait-list for the Radio City trip planned for December. Pam went through the list of upcoming trips including the Mark Twain House, and Storm King, a New York state outdoor sculpture park. The Car Show is in two weeks, Pam handed out the flyer for the event and details were discussed.

**Friends:** The summer was quiet. All the money raised for the Car Show will be used for the physical needs of the Center as well as program support. Discussion ensued concerning how to notify participants if there is a need to cancel the car show due to rain.

**Annual Report:** Helen distributed a draft for the Commission's review. There were minor changes, Helen will correct and send to Donna.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 to take a tour of the new space.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Smits