

Commission on Aging

Minutes

December 6, 2010

Commission members present: Helen R. de Keijzer, Susan Moore, Sandy O'Brien, Terry Hulley, Bruce Lorentzen. Also present: Senior Center Director Jen Ruddy, Weston Social Services Director Charlene Chiang-Hillman, SWCAA representative Meta Schroeter, and guests Bonnie Scarborough and Nina Daniel.

Chair Helen R. de Keijzer called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM and announced that Commissioner Ernie Albin had died. Everyone expressed their sadness and extended sympathy toward Ernie's family.

Helen raised the minutes of the previous meeting (11/2/10), Sandy made a motion to accept them as written, Terry seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Guests were introduced and brief discussion re: Commission purposes and upcoming vacancies.

SWCAA: Meta gave November SWCAA meeting report. Agency expects cutbacks in many programs. State and local governments decreasing their budgets. Fairfield Senior Center has Domestic Violence counseling 3 times per week. AARP now offers a 4 hour driving course instead of the old 8 hour class. Medicare Part D open enrollment period through Dec. 31st. Meta is available by appointment to assist seniors to guide them in their choice.

Senior Center Report: Jen said that the Newsletter went out. Discussion re: attendance at activities and new class offerings. Concern over drop in donations this year by local groups; Jen will pursue. Discussed "Friends of the Senior Activities Center" group and renewed interest in establishing a 501(c)(3). Budget process beginning for next fiscal year. Bruce offered to assist Jen to computerize her "numbers." Resource Directory: article in paper very helpful and informative. Helen to check on remaining supplies to determine when to reprint.

Social Service Update: Charlene noted that requests for "Holiday baskets" have increased and the community response has been very generous. The Food Pantry is well-stocked for now. Discussed fuel programs. The number of financially needy seniors has not increased over the year. The number of seniors in need of "case management" services has increased.

Dial-A-Ride: Gordon presented "stats" for November.

Next meeting Monday January 3, 2011.

A motion to adjourn meeting was made by Bruce at 10:40 AM; seconded by Sandy; approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Moore

CC: Sharon Shattuck