

Durham Senior Citizen Board Minutes
Wednesday, October 26 2016
Durham Activity Center, 1 pm

Call to order: meeting called to order at 1:10 pm.

Roll Call: in attendance: Chairman Lainy Melvin, Vice Chairman Henry Coe

Members: Norm Hicks, Jim Martinelli, Bev Pedersen, Carol Kleeman, Stu Keating, Karin Thody (took Minutes)

Staff: Recreation Director Sherry Hill, Human Resources Director Amanda Pedersen

Absent: Dede Levy

Guest: Dr. Kathy Veronesi

Public Comments: None

Approve Agenda:

Norm Hicks made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Jim Martinelli. Agenda approved.

Approve Minutes

Henry Coe moved to approve the September 28, 2016 minutes. Second by Jim Martinelli. Minutes approved.

Dr. Kathy Veronesi

1. Tim Fisher, new Band Director at Coginchaug Regional High School. Veteran Concert Program on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 7:30 pm in the Auditorium. Bill Currin will narrate, Boy Scouts, High School students involved in readings. It was noted that there is no nighttime public transportation.
2. Korn School – Tag sale last Saturday with things not used anymore, things from storage. Close to \$10,000 made. Another tag sale on Thursday afternoon, 3-5 pm, with the leftovers from Saturday. Town of Durham – interest in building especially for a Community Center and other office spaces. Cost is one of the discussion points. Concern from Middlefield that Town of Durham pays for it so Middlefield pays less for Regional District 13. November 16th Board meeting, Executive Session, to have first really serious conversation; not open to the public. Dr. Kathy Veronesi feels like the town would like to get the building as soon as possible.
3. Discussion followed on enrollment trends and further decisions that need to be made with our school system.

Norm Hicks left the meeting at 1:52 pm.

Reports

4. Social Services Director Amanda Pedersen
 - a. No newsletters yet – waiting on menu.
 - b. Veterans concert Nov. 10th; possibility of senior dress rehearsal to be announced.
 - c. Started the Thanksgiving program, 16 families. Put together baskets at the DAC, Nov. 17th, 9 am.
 - d. Giving Tree, Dec. 20th at the DAC.
 - e. Soup and Salad at the Library on Nov. 4th.
 - f. Nov. 14th, 1 pm, Laura Falt will give a demonstration on making chicken soup.
 - g. Smiley Miller, will receive a gift for her flower donations.

- h. New food service, CRT, is fabulous so far. Attendance is up, food is really good.
 - i. Need donations of coffee.
5. Recreation Director Sherry Hill
- a. Sherry tagged a bunch of furniture for startup at Korn School for possible future Community Center.
 - b. Starting Bingo again, begin on Nov. 9th, two in November, two in December.
 - c. Exercise classes all doing well. 35 people attend Tai-Chi; 20 in Senior chair exercise, first exercise class as 30 attendees. These are free classes.
 - d. New program for registering for all recreation programs – online on the Town’s website. Can also register for Soup and Salad as well.
 - e. Swing dancing – not getting much feedback. Tom Cushing knows a guy.

Old Business

- a. Tai-Chi classes are highly successful; waiting to see if it can be funded through donations.
- b. Flu shot clinic at the DAC on Election Day.
- c. Volunteer Luncheon will be in January.
- d. Craft table at Senior luncheon on Nov. 16th at the DAC. Will discuss for December.

New Business

- 1. Holiday Luncheon on December 9th, Marilyn Horn.
- 2. Anthony Ferrera will be playing at Wednesday’s luncheon.
- 3. Soup & Salad luncheon, sponsored by the Pearce family, trying to get CRHS band to play Dixieland music. Date to be scheduled.
- 4. Senior Lunch Program costs – received a letter regarding State budget cuts. Discussion on how to fund this, not just this year, but for the future. Cost is \$14,370. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for Monday and Wednesday lunches. Lainy and interested Senior Board Members will arrange a meeting with Mark Dionne, Town Times, to discuss possible publicity and ways to fundraise for this program. November 1st, Special Senior Board meeting at 11:15 am. Lainy, Stu, Henry, and Carol will attend.
- 5. Henry Coe made suggestion for future Soup and Salad luncheons to have Silent Movies by Shari Lucas, charge \$3.00.
- 6. Community Celebration put on back burner.
- 7. Open Studio Art Classes – tabled.

Board Members’ Comments, Concerns, Ideas Carol Kleeman asked about bathroom changes.

Adjourn: Jim Martinelli moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Stu Keating.

Meeting adjourned at 2:47 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Diane Miramant, Secretary