

**TOWN OF SOMERS
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY
MINUTES OF APRIL 8, 2014 MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Chairman Amy Saada at 1:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elaine Bemont, Dorothy Bynack, Ron Collyer, Eileen Fedorowich, Phyllis Gwilliam, Ailene Henry, Amy Saada and Joan Sizer.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pat Bachetti

AUDIENCE: Linda Coleman and Florence Hurley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of minutes of meeting of February 11, 2014 approved with noted corrections with a motion by Ron Collyer and a second by Dory Bynack.

Chairman's Report – Amy reported on the following:

- Goals for each board member were reviewed. Actions needed include becoming familiar with the income requirements and other factors involved in obtaining a residence at Woodcrest. It is hoped to have someone from their management corporation come to one of our meetings and enlighten this board in this regard. **Resource Guide** also requires a review and any necessary updating so guide can go to print. Ailene Henry offered to help with this issue. **State questionnaire** will be available for seniors to fill out to satisfy this requirement. Copies will be placed on the table near the sign-in sheets.
- Francine from the Somers Library will be coming to the Senior Center sometime in May to talk about a genealogy program. This should be an interesting topic.
- Any ideas regarding future entertainers/entertainment at the Center would be much appreciated.
- Healthy breakfast is quite successful and well attended. One problem has arisen however. Items seem to be disappearing from the kitchen. Locks will soon be placed on cabinet doors to control this issue.
- Meeting held with Senior Center Club Board to discuss the benefits of being a club member, etc. Club currently handles free pizza for club members once a month, free lunch in the month of your birthday, etc. Club would like to handle the summer barbecue as well as a Mother's day and a Father's day program. Club is also willing to work with the senior center staff on other programs.
- A party is being planned at the Field Road park on Saturday, June 21. This will be open to the public – all ages invited. There will be music, food, a tennis open, softball, volleyball, magic, etc. Admission will be free and those items being charged for will be at low cost.

Meals on Wheels - Linda Coleman reported that there are now 8 clients in this program. Plans include delivery of Easter flowers from Growers Direct as well as a basket from the Somersville Congregation Church. This is to let the clients know that they are not forgotten about.

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti was absent but let Amy know that she is currently working with 18 people at Blair Manor. She had expressed a concern about doing something for those on the Meals on Wheel program. (See Meals on Wheels above).

Senior Club – Dory Bynack responded to the question of meal servers and board members receiving their meals for free. They pay just like everyone else.

Woodcrest – Eileen Fedorowich reported that the smoking cessation program is now in effect at Woodcrest and has resulted in several residents moving out. Building 63 is planning a tag sale sometime this spring.

Publicity – Joan Sizer announced that it is important to adhere to strict deadlines reporting news to the various newspapers, etc.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Bus – Bus should be delivered in May. This is a much anticipated item.

NEW BUSINESS:

Garden Club – Help is needed in the preparation of the garden on the premises as well as the grounds around the building.

Supplies – A new supplier has been found with much cheaper prices. A listing has been presented to the Club for their review.

My Town Trails APP – A program is going into effect regarding the mapping out of trails in the Somers area. The boy and girl scouts will be walking the trails to help get this going. Other towns are doing a similar program.

Bereavement Group – A meeting will be held on April 23rd to see if there is an interest in this group. Counselor is from Johnson memorial Medical Center.

CERT – Citizens Emergency Response Team – Volunteers are welcome to attend a free training program if interested in becoming part of this team. There will be a training program at the Somers Fire Department on April 26th.

Next meeting of the Advisory Board will be on Tuesday, March 13, 2014 at 1:30.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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