

Danbury Commission on Aging
Minutes of January 12, 2010
Elmwood Hall, Danbury Senior Center

Present: Helen Miller, Charlotte Barrows, James Derwin, Jay Geib, Sharon Kelly, Mary Mazzucco

Staff: Susan Tomanio, Margaret Emerito

Guest: Neil Corday

Helen Miller called the meeting to order at 2:18

Minutes of the November meeting were reviewed, Sharon approved.

Financial Report/Director of Elderly Services Report/Senior Center Coordinator Report: (Copies Attached) Susan said that the department is on budget, however, with all the cutbacks vital staff has not been replaced. The department overall is down 3 employees. Susan spoke of using volunteers to help compensate for lack of staff.

Municipal Agent Report: (Copies Attached) Marnie spoke about the rent rebate programming that is approaching. She said that it is a large project and she could use help getting the mailing out. Again it was discussed about having volunteers help with the project.

New Business: Charlotte again brought up hosting a COA summit meeting with New Fairfield and Ridgefield. It would be Danbury's COS turn to host. Susan said that they could have the meeting any time at the senior center M-F 8:30-4:30.

Discussion of the direction of the COA came up. We discussed putting our energies into helping Susan and Marnie with projects because they are so short staffed. It was determined that at the next meeting the COA will have a brief meeting and help Marnie get her rent rebate program mailing together. We also discussed helping Susan with the new computer program My Senior Center.com. The Commission will help Susan enter in all the necessary information of the seniors that go to the senior center. All commission members agreed that participating in these projects are vital to the over all well being of the Department of Elderly Services and feel that this direction is a positive change that will benefit seniors.

Election of Officers: Jay Geib stepped down as Treasurer/Secretary. Discussion of the position being shared by Mary Mazzucco and Sharon Kelly was brought to a motion by Helen Miller and seconded by Charlotte Barrows. Motion to share as proposed was approved.

Helen Miller will continue as Chair of the Commission and James Derwin will continue as the vice-chair.

Sharon motioned to adjourn at 3:53.

Submitted by: Mary Mazzucco

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