

DANBURY COMMISSION ON AGING
Minutes of December 9, 2008
Elmwood Hall, Danbury Senior Center

Present: James Derwin, Charlotte Barrows, Arlene Strucky, Jay Geib, Ronald Haberman, and Sharon Kelly
Absent: Helen Miller, Mary Mazzucco
Staff: Susan Tomanio, Margaret Emerito, Fran Hendrickson

J. Derwin called the meeting to order at 2:25pm.

The minutes of the November 4, 2008 meeting were reviewed; Sharon approved and Ron seconded.

Municipal Agent report: (Copy attached.): Energy assistance program: Governor Rell's program began December 1, and has legislative approval. This could provide \$500 per qualified household to assist with winter heating expenses. This program appears broad, but is limited by the asset limit. The state Office of policy & Management (OPM) has a program for rewarding people who install a new furnace, at least 84% efficient, with a rebate of \$50-\$500 depending on income. The mayor has announced that the city will match the rebate with a property tax credit.

Financial Report and Director of Elderly Services Report: (Copies attached.) The Director of Elderly Services presented the financial report and her report. Susan reported that a spending and hiring freeze now exist; however, hiring a new person to replace Richard Servello will probably still take place. 71 applications have been received and are being processed. This position will probably not be filled before January. Zero based budgeting will be used for next year. Five people in the City tax rebate program are working at the Senior Center as "greeters". This program will end in July.

Senior Center Coordinator report: (Copy attached.) The last trip of the year was scheduled for Friday, December 5, to the Spinning Wheel Inn in Redding for the annual Christmas Show and luncheon, but was cancelled because no one signed up. A Holiday Party is scheduled for December 11 from 12 noon to 4 pm; a total of 114 baskets have been prepared to be raffled at the party. Five Quilts of Valor have been mailed and another 2 are ready to mail. Five quilts have also been sent to the Women's Center.

The **nomination committee** for COA officers for next year, Sharon and Jim, recommended that the same officers be nominated for next year. No one was nominated from the floor. A motion to accept the committee recommendation of slate for nomination was made by Ron and seconded by Charlotte. The Acting Chairman, Jim, instructed the secretary to cast one vote for the existing slate; Helen Miller, Chairperson; James Derwin, Vice Chairperson; and Jay Geib, Secretary/Treasurer.

Senior Discount Program: Discussion on this program was tabled. A separate session will be held to discuss the details of this program will be held by the committee members after the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 3:50 pm by Charlotte.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay R. Geib

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