

Town of Montville
COMMISSION ON AGING
12 Maple Avenue
Uncasville, Connecticut 06382

Regular Meeting of February 4, 2010

1. Call to Order

Chair Doherty-Peck called the meeting of the Commission on Aging to order on February 4, 2010 at 10:02 in the library at the Senior Center.

2. Roll Call

Present were Commission members Doherty-Peck, Skinner, MacNeil, Zielger, Jurczyk, O'Bday and Geary. Absent was Liaison Caron with cause.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Skinner, seconded by MacNeil to approve the minutes of January 7, 2010 regular meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Bills

No bills.

5. Correspondence

1) Letter sent to Attorney Kidder for her time and presentation at the Senior Center on Monday, January 25, 2010.

6. Remarks from Public

No remarks.

7. Reports

A. Kathleen Doherty-Peck, Senior Center Director

- 1) Doherty-Peck discussed budget and grant time for the senior center, currently working on budget and three grants.
- 2) H1N1 second clinic scheduled at the senior center, sponsored by Uncas Health District – vaccines are free.

B. William Caron, Town Council Liaison

- 1) Doherty-Peck reported for Councilor Caron per his request that he is currently working on Town Budget.
- 2) Councilor Caron has secured a grant in the amount of \$500.00 from Dime Bank for a new television at the Senior Center.

C. Janet Eccleston, Club President

- 1) Per President, Doherty-Peck reported all is well with the Club, looking at going up on their annual membership fee from its present \$6.00 to \$10.00, did not vote during January meeting as it was cancelled due to snow, will vote at February meeting.

- D. Report from Chair
Above.

8. Old Business

- A. GAP – Doherty-Peck reported that she had a met with the Mayor and the Mayor stated that he had talked to the Fire Marshal and that the Mayor believes the GAP program is where it was intended to be and where it should remain. Mayor stated that it will remain in the Emergency Response Office and we will be able to start taking applications with the program again.
- B. Commission on Aging Chicken Soup Program – Members of the Commission checked with various businesses in Town on their willingness to participate in the program. MacNeil reported that Tri-Town would participate and invited a guest, Mr. Doug Wheeler from Montville High School to discuss the program and the possibility of students participating. Mr. Wheeler stated that he believes the kids would be very interested and would help in any way, production and/or distribution. Skinner reported that Mohegan Flowers would possibly donate a small plant and inquired as to the volume we expect. Small discussion on there really being no way to determine that at this time. Jurczyk reported that Laf's Pizza would deliver for free and Dr. Murphy, Chiropractor, would donate hot/cold packs for packages. Ziegler reported that he would contact Mohegan Florist for interest. There was a discussion on the legal ramifications of having volunteers going into homes of seniors, safety factors for volunteer and senior and legal opinion should be sought. Doherty-Peck stated she would contact the Mayor to ask Town Attorney for legal advice regarding our volunteers before we continue with program. A motion was made by Skinner, seconded by Ziegler to have those wishing to be a recipient of the program be 60 years of age and older as the goal of the Commission is to focus on our older residents. All in favor. Motion carried.
- C. Workshop – Doherty-Peck reported that the first workshop in our series with Atty. Linda Kidder went very well. Only issue she believes is that the sign-up for the one-on-one time with the Attorney was posted on the bulletin board below the presentation flyer and there were some seniors that sign-up for that without participating in the presentation. Skinner attended the presentation and agreed went well, thought weather was a factor in more not attending. All agreed we need to work on promoting as well.
- D. Our next Commission on Aging Quarterly Workshop will be scheduled for April, presentation will be by Sergeant Collins and Lieutenant Bunnell regarding the Montville Police Safe Return Home Program. Date will be set soon.

9. New Business

- 1) Doherty-Peck would like to schedule another Stred-It Program for the Spring and will request funds from Senior Resources to possibly pay for it.
- 2) Ziegler suggested an email sign-up for the seniors to get information from the Center and/or Commission programs. Discussion on sending the newsletter via email, also distribute newsletter to other locations throughout town: St. John's, Union Baptist Church, Lady of Lakes, etc.
- 3) O'Bday stated he would inquire about putting the newsletter up at the Country Market on a regular basis to ensure our seniors on the Oakdale end of town have access to the paper.

10. Remarks from Commission Members, Liaison

No remarks.

11. Adjourn

Motion by O'Bday, seconded by McNeil to adjourn at 11:00 AM. Motion carried.