



Commission on Aging Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2015
10:04 a.m. – 10:46 a.m.

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Attendance: Diane Puterski, Dot Zimmer, George Hangos, Gus Csuka, Kathy Faggella and Patricia Shaham
Excused: Bernice Bova, Geraldine Gemza, Justin Rompre, Linda Fernandes-Johnson, Maryann Seminatore and Dale McClanan.
Call to Order: 10:04 a.m.
Minutes: January Minutes approved by Gus Csuka and seconded by Patricia Shaham.

Updates:

- Chairman Dot Zimmer and Director Puterski suggested that the Commission on Aging invite the new Probate Judge, Hon. Kurt Ahlberg to the Baldwin Center.
- Director Puterski mentioned that the painting for the rooms upstairs has begun – this project is taking longer than expected because of the removal of the old wallpaper.
- Director Puterski has submitted the information for two grants and was defending the need at a meeting on March 10th.
- Director Puterski will also be applying for a Municipal Grant for the dial-a-ride program – this is more of a formal request for funds - the formula for this determined by the agency for each municipality.
- Director Puterski will be working on a grant for the vehicles which should be completed by the end of April.
- Mary Balog will be working as the Outreach Coordinator and the Family Care Giver Counselor starting the week of March 16th.
- Director Puterski noted that membership for the Baldwin Center is staying constant and they are working on the issue of some not receiving the newsletter.
- Director Puterski will be working with the Area Agency and the Fairfield Senior Center to create a survey and focus groups in regards to the Nutrition Program – she has asked the Commission to be a focus group.
- Director Puterski mentioned that participation numbers were low for the month of February because of the winter weather.
- Chairman Dot Zimmer mentioned that the Hearing Program was cancelled and Director Puterski stated that this has been rescheduled.
- Director Puterski mentioned that the Volunteer Lunch has been scheduled for the end of April and Older Americans Month is in May and there will be various activities scheduled for this.
- The Renters Rebate Program will be starting soon and will be done by appointment only this year.
- Director Puterski mentioned that the Baldwin Center will be ordering new chairs for the library and the conference room shortly.
- Gus Csuka asked if Director Puterski had heard anything about the letter that was sent to the Mayor about the membership dues – Director Puterski is still waiting on a response.
- Director Puterski mentioned that a concerned constituent called about the Baldwin Center doing more for seniors – she will be looking into this request.
- Chairman Dot Zimmer asked for an update on the Wellness Park – Director Puterski mentioned that this is still in the works but progress has been slow because of the busy season.
- George Hangos asked Director Puterski about the status of the 501c3 – Per Director Puterski there are various pros/cons for this and has asked the Commission for help with recommendations for Attorneys and Accountants – Patricia Shaham suggested they call Hon. Kurt Ahlberg.
- Director Puterski has asked the Commission to think about a Board of Directors and By-Laws for the formation of the 501c3.
- **Motion to adjourn by Kathy Faggella and seconded by Gus Csuka.**

Meeting concluded at 10:46 a.m.
Next Meeting – April 14, 2015

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine Hausmann