



Commission on Aging Meeting  
Tuesday, September 8, 2015  
10:02 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Attendance: Carl Glad, Diane Puterski, George Hangos, Geraldine Gemza, Gus Csuka, Kathy Faggella, Maryann Seminatore.

Excused: Bernice Bova, Dale McClanan, Linda Fernandes-Johnson, Patricia Shaham and Justin Rompre

Call to Order: 10:02 a.m.

Minutes: June Minutes will be approved at October meeting- pending updated correction.

Updates:

- Chairman Faggella mentioned that September was National Senior Center Month.
- Director Puterski spoke about the new vehicle and how the grant was approved and will be ordered in the winter.
- Director Puterski mentioned that the consultant for the Wellness Park has submitted a new plan there is also a new block grant for possible funding.
- In regards to the 501c3, Attorney Glad and Director Puterski are working on getting a fiduciary and the possibility of having the Commission be the Board.
- Director Puterski spoke about the Area Agency Grants - \$20,000 received for caregiver and \$18,000 for the outreach coordinator.
- The new nutrition program started in mid-June with a positive response. It is more of a social event and the quality of the food has increased.
- With the new nutrition program, the suggested donation amount has increase and Director Puterski is not sure if the program can sustain with lower donations. The average donation in Stratford is \$1.43.
- Kathy Faggella asked if there was any way to regulate the donations – Director Puterski mentioned that because this is a Federal Program, it is all anonymous.
- Director Puterski will be meeting with the CAO regarding the Baldwin Center Registration Fee being returned to the Center.
- Director Puterski will be working on a new Bereavement Program. Galello-Luchansky Funeral Home will be assisting with this to create groups and programs for the community.
- Galello-Luchansky will also be co-sponsoring the Big E event at the Baldwin Center and will also be donating an indoor garden for the back of the coffee shop.
- The Family Caregiver Program will be having an open house in a few weeks and will also include the C.A.R.E.S. Program.
- There will be articles placed in the Star to highlight the Baldwin Center as well as the possibility of a feature video made by the son of a Baldwin Center Member.
- **Motion to adjourn by Geraldine Gemza and seconded by Maryann Seminatore.**

Meeting concluded at 10:45 a.m.

**\*\*Next Meeting – October 13, 2015\*\***

Respectfully submitted by,

  
Catherine Hausmann