Commission on Aging Meeting
Tuesday, May 10, 2016
10:03 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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Attendance: Maureen Whelan, Dale McClanan, Diane Puterski, George Hangos, Geraldine Gemza, Gus Csuka, Kathy Faggella, Linda Fernandes-Johnson, Maryann Seminatore & Patricia Shaham. Guests: Jeffrey Krause, Loretta Kryzanski, Lauren Donovan & Jeryl Gray.

Excused: Carl Glad

Call to Order: 10:03 a.m.

Minutes: April minutes approved

Updates:

- Director Puterski spoke about the Area Agency Grant and she hopes to hear a response by June.
- Director Puterski spoke about the addition of new members to the Commission – all of the applications are under review and should be appointed soon.
- Director Puterski will meet on 5/13/16 to discuss the need for bereavement programs.
- The night custodian will be leaving the Baldwin Center and Director Puterski will be in touch with Public Works for the next steps for a new custodian.
- Director Puterski spoke about summer programs including a picnic & strawberry festival among other activities.
- Director Puterski is asking the Commission to come up with new ways to reach out the community – what are the thoughts on a possible marketing video which will cost between $1,200 & $1,500. Chairman Faggella asked how the video would be used. Dale McClanan suggested going to both high schools to see if the students would develop a video. Chairman Faggella suggested there are local churches that have senior groups that might show the video.
- Lauren Donovan spoke about the watercolor class – there is a long wait for the class and new people are not able to participate. She is looking to the Commission for ideas on how to include everyone (i.e. give preferential treatment to residents or rotate the list more). Chairman Faggella suggested looking for a second teacher & Lauren Donovan stated this would hurt the current instructor. Director Puterski stated that she is not willing to create a 3rd class. Chairman Faggella suggested creating a workshop where there is no actual instructor. Director Puterski suggested putting a limit on how many consecutive sessions a person can sign up for. George Hangos spoke about how in order to be in the Men's Club you must be a Baldwin Center Member. Gus Csuka suggested that each person take 2 classes and then they must take a break to let someone new in. Dale McClanan, Geraldine Gemza & Patricia Shaham agree.
- Director Puterski spoke about the potential for Senator Blumenthal to attend a performance of the Baldwin Players on May 20th.
- Chairman Faggella asked about the Wellness Park & the Indoor Garden. Director Puterski stated that she is ready for Phase 2 but is awaiting final okay. The consultant for the garden visited and chose a location (lobby) and will teach people how to grown African Violets.
- Maureen Whelan spoke about the Health Department visiting the Baldwin Center to do cholesterol checks – Director Puterski will coordinate with the Health Department for a specific date.
- Chairman Faggella has asked Mary Balog for a report on what is going on around Stratford and once received, she will share with the Commission.
- There was a discussion about the high rate of falls in the senior population in the Town of Stratford. Director Puterski, Pat Shaham & Jeryl Gray spoke about DSS, Probate Court and who is responsible for making calls.
- **Motion to cancel the July 2016 & August 2016 Commission Meetings by George Hangos and seconded by Gus Csuka.**
- **Motion to adjourn by Geraldine Gemza and seconded by Linda Fernandes-Johnson.**

Meeting concluded at 11:00 a.m.

Next Meeting – June 14, 2016

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine Hausmann