

Commission On Aging
Minutes of the Meeting
July 19, 2010

Present: Chair Christine Robertson; Kathy Brennan; Marion Freer; Alice Kenny-Lucas; Mary Morrisroe; Mary Ann O'Grady; Sheila Silverman; Eileen Wilson

The meeting was called to order @ 2:30 p.m. by Chair Christine Robertson.

Minutes

Copies of the minutes of the June 21, 2010 meeting of this Commission were sent to members for their review prior to this meeting. The Chair reported two typos: Jean instead of Jeanne and Robinson instead of Robertson. Kathy Brennan moved the minutes be approved with corrections noted. Sheila Silverman seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Fearless Caregiver Conference

Chair Robertson requested that all members give their opinions on the proposal that this Commission join with the Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging as a host/sponsor of the Fearless Caregiver Conference. Among opinions expressed were the following: There is no place in Ridgefield to hold an event of this size—Caregivers attending may or may not be seniors or residents of Ridgefield—We have many areas to consider for seniors besides caregivers—Through the RVNA and Founders Hall, Ridgefield has provided caregiver meetings/services—Funds raised for this conference could dilute from funds needed to directly benefit Ridgefield seniors—Grants to this Commission must be used only for Ridgefield seniors—Conference will be run by a “for profit” organization, vendors fees are high—The Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging covers 41 towns, they should get other towns involved, etc.

Alice Kenny Lucas advised that this Commission was not asked for a grant, but for assistance in going to potential sponsors such as Danbury Hospital and Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals and for providing lists of potential vendors. The Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging would be the prime sponsor.

Chair Robertson called for a motion. Mary Ann O'Grady moved that “The Ridgefield Commission on Aging not be a host/sponsor for the proposed Fearless Caregiver Conference. Mary Morrisroe seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Seven members voted in favor of the motion. One member was against. Motion carried. Alice Kenny Lucas will advise the Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging that the Ridgefield Commission on Aging will not be a host/sponsor.

Miscellaneous

The subject of a “Senior Appreciation Day” will probably be discussed at the next “SPIF” meeting.

Quality Living in Ridgefield and Redding

Eloise Barron first discussed the Luau for seniors which will be held on July 27th. She had tickets available.

Eloise also advised of a new proposal for homebound seniors, a once a week conference call with various topics for discussion. Greenwich has such a conference call, and it is quite successful. She will be working toward a pilot in February.

Eloise reported that she had received a call from a senior who lives on a very busy road and has difficulty (she uses a cane) crossing to get her mail. She wished to move her mail box. Discussion followed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Morrisroe, Secretary

The next meeting of this Commission will be on Monday, August 16, 2010, at 2:30 p.m. in the small Lower Level Conference Room, Town Hall, Ridgefield, Connecticut

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