

Commission on Aging  
Minutes of the Meeting  
December 20, 2010

Present: Christine Robertson, Chair.; Marion Freer; Mary Morrisroe; Mary Ann O'Grady; Sheila Silverman; Eileen Wilson

Absent: Kathy Brennan; Alice Kenny Lucas

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Christine Robertson, Chair. Chris distributed copies of this Commissions' 2011 Meeting Schedule.

Ridgefield Food Pantry

Karen Gaudian is now handling the Ridgefield Food Pantry in Town Hall. Its storage facility is located in the Parks & Rec building. Chris noted that much of what is in storage is outdated and should be thrown out. She asked for volunteers to assist. Sheila Silverman volunteered to help.

Extra Monthly SweetHart Bus

The SweetHart Bus to the Mall is not attracting many seniors. Chair Robertson advised she will call HART to check on the number of participants. Chris advised she felt if there are only 3 or 4 people using this bus, it is a waste of our money.

Senior Positive Initiative (SPIF)

Chair Robertson reported that SPIF will sponsor a Senior Appreciation and St. Patrick's Celebration on March 15, 2011, at the Ridgefield Parks & Rec. (Snow date will be March 16<sup>th</sup>) Lunch will be served, and various non-profit groups(including this Commission) will host tables. This Commission will share a table with the Commission for the Disabled. Tickets will cost \$5. Chris Robertson is in charge of ticket sales, and she requested that all members of this Commission sell tickets. (See attached SPIF minutes for more details.)

Miscellaneous

Chair Robertson advised that she had received a check for \$11,600 from the Laszig Fund toward the cost of the SweetHart bus.

C.L.& P. provides a program which helps customers "weatherize" their home –the Cost \$75. Jeanne Wolnick advised that weatherization is free for those receiving energy assistance. Several Commission members have used this service and found it useful. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Morrisroe, Secretary