

TRUMBULL SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION
February 27, 2009
MINUTES

Call to Order: The Chairman, Mr. Monaco called the Senior Citizen Commission meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present: L. Ciocci, (arrived at 10:19 a.m.), C. Cleary, S. Daniels, J. DiBenedetto, D. Tkacs, and H. Weinstein, W. Dick and Joan Melhorn.

Also Present: J. Ferreira, Center Director,

Review of the Minutes:

Ms. Daniels and Ms. Cleary moved and seconded to amend the January meeting minutes to reflect that the dance class will be for a period of 8 weeks not 10 weeks and that Ms. Cleary voted against the dance class. VOTE: Motion carried unanimously
Ms. Daniels and Ms. Cleary moved and seconded to accept the minutes as amended. VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

Center Director Report:

Ms. Ferreira reported that there are 729 in-town seniors and 220 out-of-towners currently registered at the Senior Center, all of the membership fees go back to the center. Ms. Ferreira extended her gratitude for the Senior Citizen Commissioners for their service dedication. Ms. Ferreira reported that because the commission has given so much to the center, she was able to reduce her budget proposal for the upcoming fiscal year. In response to a question from a commissioner, Ms. Ferreira stated that in her absence, Ms. Smith, Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman is responsible for the Senior Center.

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the commissioners discussed staff issues, specifically servicing the needs of the public.

Chairman Report:

Mr. Monaco reported that the advertising in the newsletter has increased and the income is now at \$7,120. This revenue goes directly back to the Senior Center.

The Trumbull Young Women's Club and the Trumbull Community Women's Club (P.O. Box 168, Trumbull, CT 06611) had donated funds (\$300) towards the projector and screen for the Senior Center. Mr. Monaco extended the commission's gratitude to the two groups' donation. Ms. Dick volunteered to donate the difference of the actual cost of the screen and the current donated amount. The commission extended the gratitude to Ms. Dick. Mr. Monaco also thanked Ms. Dick's donation of paper hearts and cupids for the Valentine Dance and Mrs. Monaco, Ms. Tkacs, Ms. DiBenedetto and Ms. Dick for their hard work at the dance.

Mr. Monaco also wanted to thank Ms. Ciocci and her husband for volunteering their time installing the molding to hang the art work on. Mr. Monaco noted that this installation

takes a lot time and hard work and wanted the Ciocci's to know that the Senior Center appreciates their effort.

Mr. Monaco also thanked Ms. DiBenedetto for organizing the Wal-Mart bus trip and asked if she would volunteer to continue to organize the special trips. There is an upcoming bus trip to the Christmas Tree Shoppe on March 18.

Mr. Monaco reported that the blinds for the two rooms (previously discussed at the last meeting), will be installed the first week of March, 2009. The mat located at the downstairs entrances, approved at the last meeting, have been installed and have benefited the Center very much. The cup dispensers are also completed.

Mr. Monaco also thanked the newsletter volunteers for their help the newsletter is complete and it got out on time. Ms. Ferreira thanked Ms. Daniels for her proof-reading of the newsletter.

The commissioners extended their gratitude to the Chair, Mr. Monaco for all his dedication and hard work at the Center.

Secretary Report:

Ms. DiBenedetto reported that there will be a trip scheduled on March 18, 2009 from 1:00 – 3:00 to the Christmas Tree Shoppe. Ms. Ferreira suggested that the Lunch and Get Along Gang be organized again, 2 trips per month would work (one for shopping and one for a luncheon).

Ms. Ferreira reported that membership fees are renewed in July, and will start advertising in May. The Shelton Senior Center has temporarily closed and the Trumbull Center has seen an increase due its closing.

Old Business:

Ms. Ciocci voiced her concern of the cleaning service; she noted that there have been quite a bit of dust on the chairs recently. Ms. Ferreira will look into this issue.

Ms. Cleary noted that non-members are signing up and taking spots at special events that could go to a member. Ms. Ferreira agreed and noted that from now on it will be the policy that priority will be given to members with regard to senior travel and special events. All commissioners agreed. Ms. Ferreira will revise the membership language to reflect this change.

New Business:

Ms. Ferreira reported that the Trumbull Library System had donated their old television set to the Senior Center. The commissioners extended their gratitude to the Trumbull Library for their donation.

Ms. Ferreira requested that the commissioners be prepared to discuss potential activities to be offered at the Center for next year at the March regular meeting. Ms. Ferreira suggested a quilting class as a possible new class

Ms. Ferreira would like to plan the fair this year to be held in August. The fair will not need a police officer this year, but will need professionally made signs. May is Senior Citizen month, People's United Bank has donated \$2,500 to the center to date, and Ms. Ferreira plans on purchasing furniture and possibly working with the Parks Director on a

planting plan. Ms. Fereira would like to grill hotdogs and hamburgers on the day of the Senior Proclamation in May (with a rain date scheduled).

Ms. Fereira would like to plan the Senior Prom for May and to have the Big Bingo that month as well.

The commissioners discussed a wine and cheese event to celebrate the Art Class on a Sunday with music (i.e.violins); it would be possible to have busses running. Ms. Dick will donate a frame paper-cutting. Art work will be able to be hung; the prices of the pieces would be placed on the back of all the artwork.

Ms. Fereira would like the Senior Picnic to be held in June of this year with the weenie wagon. Ms. Fereira will report back on this item of business.

Adjournment:

Ms. DiBenedetto and Ms. Cleary moved and seconded to adjourn. There being no further business to discuss the Senior Center Commission adjourned by unanimous consent at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni, Clerk