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Minutes of the Commission on Aging Monthly Meeting
October 2, 2019

Attendees: Haleesteen Graham Days, Alfred LeFebvre, Patricia Miller, Lucille Morisse, Barbara Reisner, Jeannette Rivers, Gus Walek, Peter Wilcox

Guests: Marie Bendzans, Senior Services Liaison; Brianna Barfield, Senior Services Intern

Absent: Robert Berman, Susan Odoms, E. Leon Rivers, Shirley Thompson, Paula Walek

Lucille called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

Brianna was introduced and told the group a bit about herself. The commission members then shared information about themselves for her benefit.

New Business:
Regarding the new human services building, Lucille noted that she is advocating for more signage. Several visitors have commented that the building is difficult to identify from Park Avenue because the signage is on either side of the building rather than on the front, and there are no ground signs. Some of the commission members present stated they also felt appropriate signage is lacking. It would be nice to have any new signs also indicate which entrances lead to the senior center and which to social and/or leisure services. It would also be helpful to have directional signage inside the building. Marie said it was her understanding that “wayfinding” maps are scheduled to be installed in the building.

The Senior Expo was a big success and thanks were extended to everyone who participated.

Public Comments
Effective at the end of August, FoodShare stopped using St. John’s Church as a mobile distribution site. That means 330 Park Avenue is the only location in Bloomfield that the FoodShare truck now visits. As a result, Senior Services has been asked to open the program to any adults in need, regardless of age or place of residence. Thanksgiving turkey applications will be accepted starting October 8.

The Bloomfield Senior Center was one of two locations in Connecticut invited to host videographic sessions last week for the National Council on Aging’s Aging Mastery Program. Tapes were created of presentations and interviews with guest lecturers, AMP graduates, and senior center staff that can be used at senior centers across the country who have difficulty recruiting speakers for their programs.

Jeannette was asked how Leon is doing, and she said that he is recovering nicely. Gus was asked to extend the commission’s best wishes to Paula, who is not feeling well.

Haleesteen made a motion to approve the September minutes. Jeannette seconded. The minutes are approved.
Peter made a motion to adjourn. Halesteen seconded. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:04 pm.

The next meeting will take place at the Senior Center at 12:00 noon on November 6.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lucille Morisse
Acting Secretary