

EH Senior Center Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

9/2/2022

**Location: EH Senior Center
15 Millbrook Drive**

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: Vicki Liberator, Susan Gouin, Michael MacDonald, Maryann Larson, Theresa Beaulieu and myself (Leslie Davis).

Public Attendees: Linda Scranton and Al Lagasse

Absent: Ellen Weiss, Cathy Galaska, Lillian Miceli, Ted Fravel, Jessica Camero

3. **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the August meeting were approved by Maryann and Theresa.

4. **Old Business**

- Friday Guest Day – so far we've had the same guest attend on Fridays for game day.
- Benches are still on order for the front of the building.
- Four of the six new employees have started with the fifth person starting on 9/6/22.
- Waiting for cooler weather to install the bike rack.

5. **New Business and Opportunity for others to speak**

- Current membership at the SC is 1,596. Participation in programs/events for the month of July was 4,365; 545 people signed up for at least one program/event.
- Vicki spoke with the Mayor and the Advisory Committee will start meeting bi-monthly instead of monthly starting in November.
- Bingo – the Tuesday bingo at 1pm has been moved to 5:30pm on Tuesdays since we are now open Tuesday and Thursday evenings until 7:30pm and Saturday 9-12. Having bingo on Tuesdays was chosen due to current average attendance of bingo being 35 people on Tuesdays and 65 on Thursdays.
- To try and solicit new members in the 55-65 age range Vicki is trying to get statistics from the town on age and addresses so we can do mailings of the newsletters if we can get more published. There may be an additional cost over the 2,000 we currently get published for free due to the advertising in the newsletter.

- Susan is looking at offering more demonstration cooking on Tuesdays now that Bingo is at 5:30 pm.
- A Creative Writing class was developed when a new member showed an interest and now that member runs it which has been popular so far.
- No fundraisers are scheduled at the moment with The Friends of The EH SC. A possible fundraiser they may have is a Health Fair on October 21st and a flu clinic.
- A Meet and Greet will be scheduled in October so members can meet the new staff.
- The tickets for the town's 35th Annual Senior Picnic being held on 9/13 at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Club on 200 Clement Road, EH are sold out.
- We are still trying to hire a bus driver for the open evenings and Saturdays.
- Linda Scranton mentioned the success of Pickleball and expressed a desire to have it inside during cooler months. Our Senior Center can't accommodate that but Susan suggested contacting South Windsor SC as they have a facility inside for the sport.
- Al Lagasse asked if the callers of Bingo can go a little slower when calling the numbers.
- We are still looking for a few more volunteers to cover the new hours. Hot dogs will be available for purchase during Bingo on Tuesday evening. Eventually pizza and maybe chicken will be offered.
- Snack and beverage tickets for the Café now need to be purchased at the Front Desk to cut down on cross contamination of food handling with money and make it a little easier for the volunteers to assist the members with their purchases.

Next Meeting will be Friday, November 4, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion by Michael MacDonald, second by Vicki Liberator to adjourn at 4:10 p.m. All in favor Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Leslie Davis