

EH Senior Center Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

7/1/2022

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

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: Vicki Liberator, Cathy Galuska, Michael MacDonald, Maryann Larson, & myself (Theresa Beaulieu)).

Public Attendees: None

Absent: Ellen Weiss, Susan Gouin, & Leslie Davis

3. **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from our May 6th meeting were approved by Maryann Larson and 2nd by Vicki Liberator

4. **Old Business**

- July 4th picnic on July 6th has 120 people registered and 32 people on the waiting list. This is a free event sponsored by the Rotary Club and the East Hartford Senior Center.
- Bike Rake has been ordered and paid for. Awaiting delivery of Bike Rake and installation TBD.
- Clock was purchased and placed in the Café.

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

- Current membership at the SC is 1,497. Participation in programs/events for the month of June was 2590; 537 people signed up for at least one program/event.
- Newsletters are mailed out to over 1,000 people. They also can be found at the front, online and emailed upon request.
- The Memorial Day picnic was a great success. 120 tickets were sold with 14 people on a wait list.
- Discussion was held regarding allowing the Friends or the East Hartford Senior Center to utilize the building to hold fundraisers. 100 percent of the proceeds to benefit the EH Senior Center. Discussion was held reviewing all that the Friends has done and continues to do to support the EH Senior Center. Suggestion was made to have a write up in the newsletter to let the folks know that the friends contributed one million dollars to help build the Senior Center, purchased the dance floor, is paying for the Tech room, pays for the weekly entertainment and is looking into putting money towards building an outdoor space. All were in agreement to allow the

Friends to use the Senior Center to hold fundraisers so they can continue to bring in revenue to support the Senior Center.

- Maryann, who is also a greeter at the Senior Center mentioned that she has noticed that there are some members who have trouble walking, short of breath etc. She has observed that there are some folks who need a rest before entering the building or leaving coming from their own vehicles. She has also seen some folks have nowhere to sit waiting for the bus to pick them up. There is one bench in the vestibule and sometimes it is full. She is requesting having two benches out front. One on each side. She feels that this would help to have a place to catch their breath. It is also welcoming and inviting to folks to sit outside while waiting for the bus or a friend to meet them here especially on a nice day. This will be brought to Mayor Mike Walsh's attention.
- Members are still asking about allowing out of towners into the SC. The committee discussed having guest passes on a trial basis. Guidelines were discussed. First guests will only be allowed on Fridays with a maximum of 10 guests. SC members may have one guest a month. Sign-up for guest passes will be only one week in advance starting on Monday for that Friday. Guests will not be permitted to attend any structured programs. Guests are allowed to participate in game day and sit and enjoy the café and or patio. This trial with guest passes will be put in the August newsletter and started in September.
- A suggestion was made by Maryann Larson to request from the Commission on Aging to offer free bus transportation to some of the many events sponsored by the Town of East Hartford.
- Theresa Beaulieu did inform the group that there is a service through A.D.A. that provides transportation in East Hartford as well as other towns. There is an application process. Currently there is no fee. Normally there is a small fee associated with this service. The phone number for A.D.A. and Dial-a-ride is in the SC newsletter and on the web site.

Next Meeting will be Friday, August 5, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Beaulieu