

MANSFIELD COMMISSION ON AGING

MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2019

PRESENT: Laurie McMorrow (2020), Bev Korba (2021), Martina Wharton (2020), Dorothea Mersier (2020), Rosemary Beecher

ABSENT: Don Nolan, John Riesen, Nancy Trawick-Smith, Judy Bigl, Will Bigl, John Adamcik

GUESTS: Kelly Lyman, Superintendent of Board of Education & board member Susannah Everett

STAFF LIASON MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Schneider, Director of Human Services- Sarah Taylor, Senior Center Supervisor- Marie Hakmiller, MSCA

COMMUNITY LIASON MEMBERS PRESENT: Fran Chesko, Glen Ridge Cooperative. Joanne Sousa, Juniper Hill Village

APRIL 8, 2019 MINUTES ACCEPTED WITH CORRECTION.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS REPORT: Mansfield has appointed a School Building Committee to develop a design and site for a building that will accommodate K through 8 in one building. Building a new larger, safe and energy efficient school would eliminate the escalating ongoing costs of maintaining the existing buildings. The new site would be behind the current Southeast School. If passed by Mansfield voters the new school would be completed within three years. Kelly and Susannah presented a detailed report on the proposal set forth through careful assessment of cost and student benefits that support one school to replace the existing ones that need to be brought up to code at considerable cost to the town. Information regarding new school proposal can be accessed on town web site.

PAT SCHNEIDER'S REPORT

- A few projects will be put on hold while Building Committee assembles.
- Kudos to Garden Committee for a job well done. UConn students provided plants.
- Wright's Way laundry room almost completed leaving option for space previously occupied in Senior Center.
- Bus stop has been moved to roadside creating some concerns regarding safety issues. A safer, covered area is planned for the future.

SARAH TAYLOR'S REPORT:

- The Center is enjoying a full staff.

- Accreditation for the new Café is almost completed and the Café will be opening soon. Preparations include purchasing a cash register, creating storage areas and training volunteers.
- New town branding initiative due to be in place by July 1, 2019 required the café to redesign the logo with minimal changes.

MARIE HAKMILLER'S REPORT:

- May 2, 2019 pancake dinner was a big success. Nine volunteers took part and Association made \$250.00.
- Next pancake dinner will be held on September 26, 2019. All you can eat for \$7.00 per person.
- Next annual meeting will be held on October 23, 2019.
- \$ 1000.00 donation will be donated to Art Groups and distribute among the applicants.

LURIE MCMORROW'S REPORT:

- Joanne Sousa was appointed as COA member 4/22/19-9/30/21
- Town Council member, Toni Moran will be invited to attend next meeting to review the role of COA in the community.
- Laurie will draft a letter to the Town Council regarding the accessibility for seniors at public meetings. (seating, parking and guidance when entering building)

Meeting adjourned @ 11:30 am.

Next meeting scheduled for June 10, 2109

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bev Korba, Secretary