

The Senior Citizens Commission held their regular meeting on Thursday, May 23, 2013 at the Senior Center at 2:45 P.M. Present at the meeting were members: Paula Friez, Maureen Johnson, Diane Croxford-Walker, and Sally Tracy; also in attendance were Director of Senior and Social Services Jen Ochoa, Senior Citizens Inc. President Cheryl Udin, and Senior Center Staff Alice Hare.

**1. Call to Order:**

Ms. Friez called the meeting to order at 2:46 P.M.

**2. Public Comment:**

Cheryl Udin, Senior Citizens, Inc. President provided an update:

- The trip to New Britain Museum of Art went well
- The trip to Chez Josef only had three attending, therefore they joined with another group
- The tag sale scheduled for July 27<sup>th</sup>, has been advertised in various locations; one table has already been sold; application has been submitted to Eastern Highlands Health District
- June 13<sup>th</sup>: a trip to Tekoa Country Club for an Elvis Impersonator Show
- July 17<sup>th</sup>: Lobster Fest at the Sea Cliff in New Haven
- May 29<sup>th</sup>: Lunch at the Blackledge Country Club
- Regular ongoing trips to breakfast and the casino are still taking place; increased cost of the casino has not affected attendance
- There is no new information on the Women's Club project, they are still working on closing out the Herrick Park project

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Ms. Tracy, seconded by Ms. Croxford-Walker to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2013 meeting with the following correction:

First Paragraph: "...and Senior Citizens, Inc. President Cheryl Udin."

Motion passed unanimously.

**4. Municipal Agent's Report:**

**A. Food Pantry**

Ms. Ochoa reported that since the February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, 5 returning families have visited the Food Pantry, and 2 new families.

The Bolton Lions Club made a donation of cereal, soup and canned hams.

**a. \$2,000 donation to Resident Assistance Fund from BHS Student Council**

Ms. Ochoa reported that a generous donation of \$2,000 was received from BHS Student Council from a fundraiser.

**B. Holiday Baskets**

13 families received Easter Holiday Baskets

**C. Financial Assistance for 2012-2013**

Ms. Ochoa shared the following statistics regarding assistance to residents:

*Fiscal Year 2011-2012*

17 families were given assistance (\$9,282.52 and \$2,300.00 in gift cards)

*Fiscal Year 2012-2013*

9 families were given assistance (\$3,645.27) the breakdown of the total is: \$500 for Rent, \$348 for Electric, and \$2,797.27 for fuel

**5. Old Business:**

**A. Women's Club Luncheon**

Ms. Ochoa reported that the luncheon was well attended.

**B. Budget Report**

Ms. Ochoa shared that the third budget referendum will take place June 4<sup>th</sup>. She urged the importance of the budget passing to avoid the Senior Citizens losing services.

**C. Tag Sale on July 27, 2013**

In addition to the discussion in public comment, the group discussed donations that have been received to date. Members are contacting seniors for donations of baked goods.

**6. New Business:**

**Senior Expo-September**

Ms. Ochoa discussed holding a Health/Educational Fair for vendors to have booths with information to provide to the seniors. Ms. Ochoa is working on a vendor list.

**7. Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Ms. Tracy, seconded by Ms. Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 3:21 P.M. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Bolduk  
Board Clerk

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