

Advisory Committee of the Senior Citizens of Rockville-Vernon, Inc. Meeting

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Chairman Ron Kane called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Ron Kane, Carole Slattery, Sally Hearn, Jean Inge, Joe Grabinski, Karen Torelli and Patricia Iamonaco.

Members Absent: Richard Levitsky, William Tyler.

Ex-officio: Ed Slattery, Bill Campbell

Director: Paula Claydon

At the last meeting the board approved a public forum at the start of the meeting. Ian Mills suggested the board look into plans for using funds in the account (\$11,000). He also recommended acquiring some new games: backgammon, other Wii games, dart boards. He indicated that someone would donate a used pool table and said some pool players would like to be able to have 2 pool tables and there would need to be a new location for the tables. He recommended that entries in Suggestion Box be read to the Board at each month's meeting.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Motion by Carole Slattery to accept the minutes of the February 25 meeting, seconded by Sally Hearn. Motion passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: No correspondence.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Regarding Wi-Fi, there are potential areas on the back wall or the front wall.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS: Bob of IT said Wi-Fi would be installed within the next 2 weeks.

From January to July the Center had 813 unduplicated attendees. In February there were about 54 attendees daily.

The Director indicated that they have hired a Senior Program Coordinator. Andrea Bouchard will start work on April 7 and work 3 days a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cathy will work Tuesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Upcoming Activities for April 2014: Painting class; Officer Hunt and his dog, Narco will give a presentation. There will be a tea with a story teller who will speak about Grammie's kitchen. A recreational therapist will speak about "Don't worry, be happy" and how worrying impacts your health. Cathy will also do the travel presentation on Austria and there will be a Johnnie Carson DVD program.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: A committee will be formed to look at available space for projects. Joe Grabinski and Ron Kane will serve on the committee.

OLD BUSINESS: Wi-Fi will be available in the next two weeks.

NEW BUSINESS: Bill Campbell indicated that the town is looking at a new bus which is around \$95,000. The State pays for 80% of the cost so the Town's share would be about \$19,000. The Director pointed out that if the Town owns the bus, it can be used by other Departments. The Town would also keep the current bus.

A committee was formed for a 5 year plan for the Senior Center. Ron Kane, Joe Grabinski, Paula Claydon will be on the committee and Ron will see if other seniors would like to serve.

Carole Slattery suggested that the Center purchase an instant hot water heater for the second floor and suggested buying a 30 – 50 cup coffee maker. Paula indicated that there were one or two coffee makers in the back room.

Joe Grabinski suggested that the Center host an evening NCAA playoff. The Center only has basic TV channels so we would need to find out on what channel the playoff will be broadcast.

Motion by Carole Slattery, seconded by Karen Torelli, to adjourn. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Claydon for Pat Iamonaco
Pat Iamonaco, Secretary