

REVISED MINUTES
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MAY 20, 2014 4:00PM

Present: Val Buckley, (Director/ex Officio), Mary Burlinson, Cheryl Constand, Sharon Cregeen (Chair), Maryellen Diana, Anne Fiyalka, Prabha Gupta (Secretary), Eunice Hanson, Joan Kirk (ex-officio), Kay Oestreicher (ex-officio)

Absent: Vince Capprio, , Florence Eastwood, Eric Lawton, Dr. Sal and Marilyn Santella

OLD BUSINESS:

1. To date five additional parking spaces have been provided for the ESC. ; however, this has not resolved the parking problem for seniors. Increased traffic from the Speech Academy (staff and parents), Park & Rec., and the New Arts Center has made parking and driving congestion more problematic. Parking spaces designated for seniors are being used by the patrons of the above facility. At dismissal time traffic backs up causing safety issues. Val suggested that members of the Advisory Board approach Town Hall in the effort to get this ongoing issue(since 2009) resolved. The center needs a minimum of 65 spaces as promised as required through the state grant. Sharon Cregeen asked Val for the letter from P & Z stating number spaces allocated for ESC back in 2010. Adam Dunsby, First Selectman, thinks Mr. Hayes has a plan; however, he was not sure what it entailed. Additional spaces will allow the center to maintain and increase activities, and allow seniors to have easy, safe access to parking.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Let's Keep Seniors in Town Projects/Suggestions to meet special needs:
 - a. Fuel assistance- (needs to be defined)
 - b. Minor home fix-up projects
 - c. Ipad/iphone usage instruction
 - d. Grocery shopping or gift cards
 - e. Snow shoveling/yard cleanup
2. October 29th will be the 25th anniversary of the ESC celebration. We need to think of ways to celebrate the events and folks to invite.
3. Fundraising ideas:
 - a. Once a month "Soups on Sale." Starting in Sept. or Oct. there will be 9 teams chaired by Sharon Cregeen. They will make 2 kinds of soups which will be for sale to the public in qt. containers. Sale dates will be the day after the Advisory Board meets each month.
 - b. Tag sales are scheduled in June and September run by various groups.
 - c. Holiday Boutique (chaired by Maryellen)

- d. Christmas Wrapping (chaired by Cheryl)
- e. Silent Auction and Gift Baskets (chaired by Karen & Joe Casarin and Pat Ruhanen).
- f. A spaghetti dinner might be included soon.

Maryellen made a motion to adjourn. Mary seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary Burlinson (sub for Prabha Gupta)

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