

Draft Unapproved: May 21, 2013 Approved September 17, 2013

To: All Commission on Aging Members

Re: May 21, 2013 Meeting

Members Present: Frank Contento, Alan Fontana, Claudia Giulietti, Donna Levine, Katherine Lofquist, Reverend Dr. James P. Morgan, Anthony Parileo, Rodger Salman and Joseph Villano

Members Absent: None

Guests: None

Staff Present: Judith Amarone, Director; North Haven Senior Center

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 on a motion by Claudia Giulietti and a second by Katherine Lofquist. The minutes of our last meeting on March 12, 2013 were approved on a motion by Rodger Salman with a second by Al Fontana.

#### Directors Report:

The Pinochle Tournament held on May 9, 2013 was a success and fun for all in attendance. A fall pinochle tournament, requested by the seniors, will be scheduled. Games such as Scrabble, Mahjonn, Canasta and card playing have become very popular along with puzzle making. A Mahjonn tournament will be held on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

A Mother's Day Brunch was held on May 10, 2013. It was a full house and all in attendance received a floral table centerpiece made by one of the members' granddaughters.

Memorial Day will be held on May 28, 2013. This event is sold out.

Seniors of the North Haven Oil Painting Class will participate in an Art Show that will be held at the Agency on Aging for area seniors on Wednesday, May 29, 2013. The senior center bus is scheduled to take the painters to the show. For added fun, one senior will be awarded a prize and a reception with food and drink will be available for all.

#### Upcoming in June:

Hot dog Friday's will begin on June 7, 2013 with the exception of every third Friday where fried dough will be served.

There will be a Father's Day cookout on June 13, 2013.

The annual Tri-Town dinner will be held in Wallingford, CT on June 18, 2013. This dinner will include seniors from Cheshire, North Haven, and Wallingford.

Strawberry Shortcake Day will be held on June 28, 2013. The strawberries will be picked by the seniors.

#### Volunteers

Typically every summer, the Center is approached by students who are in need of volunteer hours that are required by their schools for graduation. Some years the students assist with Bocce, Bingo or setting up rooms, but many times since there is limited space, and confidentiality creating

issues for staff becoming more of an added task trying to create a job for the student volunteer. With this in mind, students this year and forward, will be required to do more. The new idea that has been adopted is titled "I Teach You, You Teach Me". Students will be required to teach a senior something they don't know and then in turn, the senior will have to teach the student something they don't know. To date, a student will be teaching seniors how to use an iPhone and then they will be participating in the oil painting class. At the end of the summer, both will have learned a new skill bringing youths and seniors together.

**Old Business:**

The North Haven Fire Department is considering using a bracelet for the Vile of Life program. Correction 9/17/2013: North Haven Fire Union has purchased 100 Med Alert Bracelets to be given to the first 100 residents free of charge. The bracelet is another measure to ensure proper communication between first responders and person in need of medical attention. It does not replace the Vile of Life Program.

**New Business:**

The Director requested that the members of the Commission on Aging ride on the buses to determine the buses worthiness and see if the buses suit the seniors.

**Housing:**

There still exists a problem with Clintonville Manor in that the asking price for the property is still above what purchasers are willing to offer.

**Public Comment:**

None

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM on a motion by Rodger Salman and a second by Joseph Villano. The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 6:00 PM at The Joyce C. Budrow Senior Center at 189 Pool Road. If you are unable to attend the next meeting, please contact the Senior Center at 203-239-5432.