

Sherman Commission on Aging

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 18, 2016

Mallory Town Hall, 6:00 PM

FINAL

Present: J. Wey, A. Jellen, E. Hayes, J. Garcia, R. Hudson, and S. McMahon

Absent: J. McRoberts

Public & Invited: S. Berger and Commission Clerk C. Branson

Call to Order: Chair, J. Wey Called the Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m

Approval of Minutes of June 13, 2016:

Commissioner R. Hudson Moved to Approve the Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting of June 13, 2016 as amended.

Seconded by: E. Hayes

Vote: For: Unanimous

Senior Center Report:

Ms. Berger provided the monthly report. At a meeting of Senior Center Directors, a topic of concern was transportation and nutrition. The Commission asked to be sent a link to keep up with the State Commission on Aging concerns and discussions. There will be a regional Aging Commission meeting coming up in September, Ms. Berger urged Commission members to attend if available. State level budgetary cuts are affecting the funding of meals to seniors. This cut does not directly affect Sherman's seniors due to local cooperation with the American Pie which offers discounted dining to seniors once a week on any Monday through Thursday from 9am to 11am. This schedule allows more flexibility from the previous schedule which was limited to Thursday. The Commission discussed the importance of keeping up with Grant funding the State offers. Ms. Berger requested the Commission become involved with keeping up with the posting of available grants on the State website and bring any that seem appropriate to her attention. This month's schedule of activities includes a "grass head" craft, Senior Picnic at Holiday Point, Extreme Sports, and a "Lunch & Learn forum on Fraud Awareness and Internet Safety presentation on July 22nd at 11am. Also coming up is a Genealogy workshop September 23rd from 10 am to 1 pm. The CoA has agreed to sponsor lunch and refreshments. Ms. Berger thanked Commissioner Hudson for the tech support at the Center which will open up a "printing" option for Senior's who may not have the ability to do so at home. Ms. Berger reminded the Commission she looking for members to volunteer their time to provide peer mentoring to other seniors at the Center for Tech advice. Ms. Berger is looking additionally for volunteers to man a booth at the Autumn Fair, more to come at the September meeting. Also discussed was the possibility of holding a Senior Art show in the future. Discussion followed regarding finding a date that the Historical Society may be holding an event to draw a larger group into Town.

Old Business

Directory of Sherman Resources

CoA Chair, J. Wey thanked Clerk C. Branson and CoA member R, Hudson for the work done to complete the Directory. The Commission discussed the importance of providing a supporting article in the senior section of the newspaper at the next printing to alert people to look for it in the newspaper. The Commission also requested the directory be posted on the Town website for more accessibility. Many members have received positive feedback regarding the directory.

New Business:

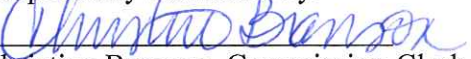
Annual Report of FY 2015-16

CoA Chair shared a request from the BoS to submit the Annual Report by September 13th. The Commission discussed the year's accomplishments which included welcoming new members, forums and workshops sponsored by the Commission, and the completion of the directory.

Adjournment:

Commissioner S. McMahon Moved to Adjourn the Meeting at 6:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:


Christine Branson, Commission Clerk
September 19, 2016

Approved as Final at the September 19th, 2016 RMM