

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
COMMISSION ON AGING

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FRANKLIN SENIOR CENTER

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FRANKLIN, CONNECTICUT 06254

The mission of the Franklin Commission on Aging is to provide information and services to the aging population, their families, and their care providers.

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE FRANKLIN COMMISSION ON AGING
HELD AT THE SENIOR CENTER AT 12:30 P.M. ON
TUESDAY, THE 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 12:44 p.m. by Vice-Chair Alison Dvorak. **PRESENT:** Commission members Margaret Ayer, Susan Dagenais, Donald Eccleston, Judy Marrotte, Judi Novosad, and Laura Wheeler. Commission Chair Thomas Shakun arrived at 12:55 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: First Selectman Charles Grant arrived at 12:59 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mrs. Novosad made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular January 9th meeting as presented. Mrs. Marrotte seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF REPORTS:

* **MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY:** Mrs. Wheeler reported that during the month of January, she had helped residents with applications for energy assistance and social services, and fielded eight telephone calls to the center.

* **SENIOR CENTER PROGRAM COORDINATOR:** Mrs. Wheeler reported that during the month of January, the regular monthly events of the Birthday Pizza Party, Bingo, Coffee and Conversation, and Games were held at the center. She also reported that the center had hosted a program for Wii bowling, and that a health clinic had also been scheduled for that day, but the visiting nurse was unable to come. Mrs. Wheeler also reported that there trips were taken to the Calvert Library in Franklin for a program on computers, to the Lebanon Senior Center for bingo, to the Mystic Luxury Cinemas, to the Bozrah Pizza Restaurant, to Denny's Restaurant in New London, to the Groton Town House Restaurant, and to the Yantic River Inn. Mrs. Wheeler reported that a total of 39 people attended programs at the center, and a total of 57 people attended the trips. Mrs. Wheeler also reported that two members joined in January and one joined in February.

NEW BUSINESS:

* **REVIEW OF UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS:** Mrs. Dvorak and Mrs. Novosad noted that the Franklin Life Committee, which is celebrating the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Congregational Church which led to the establishment of Franklin, now has its own Facebook page and activities will be announced on the Franklin Connection Facebook page as well. Mrs. Dvorak reported on upcoming events, including:

* a Maple Festival at Blue Slope Farm from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on March 11th;

* a Social Media and Internet Safety program at Franklin Elementary School at 6 p.m. on March 13th;

* a Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on March 18th;
and

* a Book Sale at the Calvert Library from March 23rd to March 25th, with donations of gently used books now being accepted.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 13th at 12:30 p.m. at the Franklin Senior Center, with possible visitors including First Selectman Grant and the Director of the Thames Valley Council for Community Action, who is conducting a program at the senior center that day as well.

ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Novosad made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Marrotte seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
TRACI L. HASTINGS, CLERK
COMMISSION ON AGING**