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ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

Farmstead Golf & Country Club, Lafayette, NJ

December 4, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am by chairperson Tom Caines and everyone was welcomed. James Guimes was welcomed as a newly appointed member to the Advisory Council by the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Bob Panzer and Eileen Kivlin were introduced as guests

Attendance: Present were: Elsie Allen, Shirley Baldwin, Tom Caines, James Guimes, Doris Lantz, Karen MaGill, Kathryn Orr, Elizabeth Ostuni, Lisa Reidinger, Deena Smith, Ilse Stein, Jackie Wershing, Nancy Fitzgibbons, Diane Friedberg, Carol Novrit, Mary Lou Schnurr, and Susan Zellman.

Excused: Elenora Benz, Stephen Bocskocsky, Ann Farnsworth and Nancy Hess.

Absent: Joyce Post, Anna Mae Schurko, Kimberly Woodhull, John Eskilson, Stephen Gruchacz, Jake Lighten and Alison McHose.

Guest(s): Eileen Kivlin and Bob Panzer.

Mary Lou Schnurr made a presentation to Doris Lantz and Linda Pinto for their many years of dedication and service to the Division of Senior Services Advisory Board.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Jackie Wershing and seconded by Elsie Allen to approve the November minutes. All were in favor with no abstentions.

Director's Report

1. The Salute to Veterans was once again very successful and plans are already under way for next year.
2. The Caregiver Expo was extremely successful and will become an annual event. The event for next year will be November 4, 2009 at the Farmstead.

3. Project Healthy Living is a peer led program for Chronic Disease Prevention. Six week classes are presented to assist individuals with living with chronic diseases. The Division of Senior Services will be receiving a \$10,000.00 grant in 2009 to sustain this program. Supplies and equipment will be purchased with the funds and classes are being planned for 2009.
4. A flyer will be distributed at the next meeting outlining all of the important dates for 2009.
5. The Division of Senior Services recently sponsored an AARP Safe Driving Course which was very successful. This program will continue in the future.

A request was made to change the time of this meeting to 9 a.m. The meeting will stay at Tri Co as long as it is available, but if not they will be moved to the Silver Café in Sparta.

Legislative Committee Report

No Report

Housing Committee Report

No Report.

Minority Outreach Committee Report

A web-site has been established to teach English on-line. The web-site is www.usalerns.org.

Baby Boomer Committee Report

No Report

Work Session

Tom Caines lead a work session regarding what committees should be developed for 2009 and going forward. After much discussion, it was recommended that several committees remain and others be included. Some member's volunteered to work with particular committees or as liaisons to special interest groups. It was recommended that a representative from our Board represent seniors on the Citizens Advisory Board for transportation. Tom will organize the thoughts and suggestions from the session and present them at the January meeting for review and implementation.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Announcements

None

With no further business to report a motion was made by Shirley Baldwin and seconded by Deena Smith to adjourn the meeting.

**The next meeting will be January 8, 2009
Silver Café @ Knoll Heights Village**

Respectfully submitted,

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Sussex County Division of Senior Services