

Branford Commission of Services for the Elderly

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Meeting Minutes February 10, 2022

Call to Order - The Zoom Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chair Laurie Rockwell. Also present: Pat Torre, Ellen Carucci, Pat Brownell and Dana Murphy. Director Dagmar Ridgway and Activities Coordinator Nancy Cohen were in attendance.

- I. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting November 18, 2021 – On a motion by Pat Brownell and Seconded by Ellen Carucci the minutes were unanimously approved.
- II. Dagmar Ridgway presented the Director's Report. Dagmar addressed a variety of topics including a fiscal update, Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Preparations, donations received (Homemaker's Thrift Shop \$1015 and two \$500 donations from members of the community), Random Acts of Kindness Day is February 17th, the Holiday Shoppe generated \$1648 in revenue, and while there was no Holiday dinner for the seniors from the Branford Rotary, 175 Gift Bags were very much enjoyed. She reviewed the center's stats, Covid protocol updates for the center (masks will be required, bringing in person activities back, meals will be back on site in March) and various happenings. Delivery has been taken on the two new buses! Medical Transportation is coming back online. Building and staffing issues, along with Volunteer opportunities were discussed.
- III. Nancy Cohen discussed Programming Activities. Topics included Arm Chair Travelers, Better Balance Classes, Ukulele lessons, Triad Programs and much more is to come.
- IV. Social Services updates were presented by Dagmar. The residents' needs are being met by Marlowe. It has been very challenging without an Assistant. Dagmar is working with Human Resources to fill the vacancy
- V. Citizen's Comments – None present.
- VI. On a motion from Ellen Carucci, Seconded by Pat Brownell, by unanimous consent the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted by Doreen F. Denhardt, Commission Clerk.