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### Pomfret Sr Advocate Commission Minutes December 19, 2012 Pomfret Senior Center

**Present:** Susan LaRose, Rita Conrad, Judy Miller, Ann Hinchman

**Alternates:** Gail McElroy, Cathy Grant

**Citizen Attendance:** 6

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:05 PM

**Alternate Seated:** Gail McElroy Motion made by Judy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gail, Unanimous

**Meeting Minutes,** November 26, 2012 Motion made by Judy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rita, approved.

**Secretary Correspondence,** 3 Christmas cards read and email letter from Monique Caron-Krug

**Citizen Participation:** Sally Johnson inquired as to why PSAC agendas and minutes were not being posted on website.

**Additions to Agenda:** Increasing data base of participating seniors (Tabled until 1-18-13)

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer not present. Report distributed by Maureen Nicholson

#### **Sub-Committee Reports:**

Program Committee: Sue LaRose reported on the programming for the month of January.

**Unfinished Business:** Pool Table: There has been a survey of users of the pool table at the Sr Ctr and they wish to have pool table kept. Motion made to keep the pool table made by Ann, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rita, Passed unanimously. Ann will get 2 quotes for cost of recovering the table and turning the table in the room.

Opening the Sr Ctr on holidays: Motion made by Judy to have Sr Center open Monday-Friday including holidays. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue. Discussion about insurance coverage, snow plowing on holidays in the winter, how many holidays to open, number of people who would come on a holiday, who would assume responsibility when Town office is closed. Vote passed Rita, Sue and Judy voting yes. Gail and Ann voting no. Sue will arrange for this to happen.

By-Laws: Motion made to accept new By-Laws by Judy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue, Passed unanimously

#### **New Business:**

New Years Eve party: Motion made by Ann to appropriate \$200 from program funds for items for the New Years Eve program at the Sr Ctr. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy, passed unanimously.

2013 yearly meeting PSAC calendar presented. Motion by Sue to accept calendar with exception of December 18, 2013 when there is a conflict. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy Passed unanimously.

Upcoming meetings expenses: 12 week Quilting Course to be held at Sr Ctr, 2x month, March- August for 2 1/2 hours, \$10/class. Motion made by Sue to allow up to 8 Pomfret Seniors have a reduced fee of \$5.00/class, the remainder of the fee coming from the Pomfret Sr. Program Funds. Other senior residents and non senior residents to pay \$10.00/class. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy. Voted yes unanimously.

Sr. Trip to the Pequot Museum February 15, 2013. \$13 admission for Seniors. Motion made by Sue for Sr. Program Funds to cover cost of rental of van, taxes and gas, approximately \$200. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy. Vote passed unanimously.

Motion made by Gail for \$5.00 of the \$13.00 admission fee to museum to be paid for by Sr. Program Funds. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rita. Passed unanimously. Sue will drive the 14 passenger

van. Other people may car pool.

Request was made in writing from 20 people to have money to purchase refreshments for weekly bingo games. Motion made by Judy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue to provide \$20.00/week from Sr Program Funds for refreshments at bingo. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue. Discussion if the budget could handle \$650.00 until end of fiscal year, since the year is only ½ over. Vote did not pass. Ann, Rita, and Gail voted no. Judy voted yes and Sue abstained. Motion made by Judy to provide \$10/week from Sr Reserve Fund to pay for refreshments for bingo until the end of the fiscal year. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue. Discussion if Reserve Funds can be used for this. Group was unclear as to if this is possible Vote did not pass. Ann, Rita, and Gail voted no, Judy and Sue voted yes.

Discussion regarding the age that Town of Pomfret should use as definition of a senior. How can we serve more of the senior population of the town? Ann pointed out that there were over 1000 seniors over age 55 in the 2010 census in Pomfret. How do we get more people involved and what can we do for homebound seniors? NECT bus will stop at Sr Center to take a group to area stops, but no one has ever used the service. Should the PSAC be focusing its attention on recruitment and identifying senior needs and services?

**Citizens Comments:** Doug Hopkins spoke about how well the movie program is going and that he can get the monthly price reduced from \$16 to \$10, but would like to be reimbursed quarterly rather than yearly. Films would be sent to his house. This item will be put onto the January 2013 agenda.

Jeannette Sullivan wants to have and manage the crafts on a regular basis in the Sr. Ctr basement. People can contact her.

Ford Fay stated according to the Freedom of Information Act Section 225, our minutes must state how members of the PSAC vote on motions and name them. Discussion of the need to have names of people attending and using the senior center and coming to programs. Some citizens felt this was unnecessary and inappropriate and has been used against them by the PSAC and in the past.

**Adjournment:** 9:30 pm

**Program Planning Committee: January 16, 2013 @ 6:00 PM Sr. Center**  
**Regular PSAC meeting: January 16, 2013@ 7:00 PM Sr. Center**

Ann Hinchman  
Secretary

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