

Newtown Commission on Aging

Special meeting minutes

Monday June 8, 2019

Senior Center

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION ON AGING

Present: Anna Wiedemann, Barbara Bloom, Claire Theune, John Boccuzzi, Curt Symes, LeReine Frampton, Ruby Ryles, Larry Passaro, Bob Edwards

Excused: JoAnne Albanesi, Cris Fadus, Anne Rothstein

Also Present: Natalie Jackson 2 members of the public

Meeting was called to order at 1:03pm

No public participation

Discussion occurred on sign to be on the wall behind the reception desk in the lobby. The wall has a large sized space and there will not be nothing else on the wall. It was decided to purchase the larger size so it could be seen behind the person working the reception desk.

Mr. Passaro moved to purchase the larger sign, 42x96, from the gift fund for a cost of \$959. This was 2nd by Ms. Bloom and approved.

Discussion occurred on the purchase of 2 smart TV's. The one for the exercise room will need to be about 60" so it can be seen by all in the group in order to follow the exercise program. The other TV will be in the room at the end of the foyer. It was explained that the smart TV's would save the expense of hooking up to cable. They would be run with the WIFI in the building. There was discussion about having a program calendar on the TV but that cost is prohibitive. Mr. Edwards suggested possibly creating a slide show style that would cover the program calendar. There is also a need for the hardware to mount the TV's on the wall. There was a lot of discussion on the cost of the two TV's. They will shop around for the best deal.

Mr. Boccuzzi made a motion that up to \$2000 be spent from the gift fund to purchase the two smart TV's and necessary hardware to install the sets on the wall. Ms. Bloom 2nd approved.

Discussion occurred on the purchase of the chairs for the multipurpose room. The chairs currently used in the senior center will be used in the exercise room and left there. Mr. Ariniello had selected chairs for the Community Center side and suggested we buy the same ones so they would match and could be borrowed back and forth for larger events. They would be purchased through W.B. Mason. 75 chairs would be just under \$5000. A picture was requested and texted to Ms. Jackson.

Ms. Jackson reported that the previous money approved from the gift fund for furniture was spent, there was only about \$50 left. The Commissioners agreed that Mr. Ariniello had done a fantastic job looking out for the new Senior Center and we appreciate his help. More research into chairs will be done in time for Monday's regular COA meeting.

Discussion occurred on the cost, lack of arms, type of back, color, complementary chairs rather than same chairs to help distinguish ownership, why we had to use that vendor, when there are cheaper options at other places.

Mr. Passaro moved to table the discussion until next meeting on Monday July 15th. Ms. Bloom 2nd the motion, approved

The commission agreed to spend \$959 for the sign and up to \$2000 for the two TV's and hardware from the gift fund at this meeting. Craft fair and tag sale opportunities are being planned to help rebuild the gift fund.

Mr. Passaro moved to adjourn with Mr. Edwards 2nd approved

Meeting adjourned at 1:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

LeReine Frampton