

## Community Center Committee Minutes

September 10, 2019

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE

Present: Kinga Walsh, Nancy Doniger, Cheyanne Wirtz, Brian Hargraves , Doria Linnetz , Jeff Tousignant, Kevin Byrne, Filippo Formica, Olivia Deschenes, Alexis Underwood

Also Present: Matt Ariniello, Dan Rosenthal (8pm)

Absent: Bill Manfredonia, Fred Taylor

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

***Ms Doniger moved to accept the minutes of August 6th by Ms Linnetz – approved***

The Board welcomed Alexis Underwood our new Middle School Representative. Filippo and Olivia are the High School Representatives.

### **Directors Report – see attached**

Currently –

196 signed up for swim lessons

Close to \$20,000 in revenue from programming

Bethel, Shelton and Woodbury are looking at our center as an example for their communities

Café is doing well and started serving lunch this week. They are bringing the cart across to the municipal center and supplying the coffee to the senior center.

Babysitting – MWF 9-12 and TT 5-8pm

HS Swim team – TT 5-7am MW 3-5pm Sun 6-9pm The HS pool repair is scheduled to be finished for October 1. The BOE is covering the extra fees incurred for employee time.

October 1<sup>st</sup> brings the 90 cent per hour CT state minimum wage increase. Discussion on the life guard scheduling due to busy and slow times. Looking for male instructors for private swim lessons. Acoustic tiles for the ceiling are needed in the classrooms and health/wellness room. Window treatments are needed especially in the multi purpose room given the projection screen. Landscaping completion is being costed out. Mr Ariniello is obtaining costs for these projects. The badge system is in the works for employee access.

Punch list –

Drainage in the locker room should be corrected by the end of next week. Multi purpose room floor needs to be redone due to defect. Thresholds are still being worked on. Site work is still to be finished. The pile of dirt is sold and almost gone.

Teen Marketing –

Our school representatives discussed ways to bring the events of the center to their peers. Ms Underhill will ask to include information in the morning announcements at the Middle School.

Our reps will inquire about leaving brochures outside the Guidance Department, including in the morning announcements and adding the information to the HS social media pages.

### **New Business –**

The October meeting will discuss the roles and responsibilities going forward. A change request from committee to commission will be brought up at an upcoming Board of Selectmen meeting.

Discussion of a joiner fee for non residents will be had at the next meeting.

A Doodle scheduling poll will be started for next programming session meeting.

Revenue and Expenses will be presented monthly.

### **Open House –**

Open House will held on October 5<sup>th</sup> from 11-4 Committee members were asked to help with the event. A sign up was distributed.

### **Volunteer 1<sup>st</sup> Responders -**

Discussion on the town practice of benefits for our resident volunteer first responders occurred between the commission and First Selectman.

***Ms Walsh motioned “ In keeping with the current town practice of recognizing the value of our volunteer 1<sup>st</sup> responders, who meet the annual town requirements, we offer a free individual membership to the volunteer.” 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms Doniger. Approved***

***Ms Doniger moved to adjourn at 8:34 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr Hartgraves. Approved***

Respectfully submitted,

LeReine Frampton, clerk

## **Directors Report NCC Update:**

**Post Construction Updates-** We continue to address punch list items with Caldwell and Walsh and QAM. We are hoping to start making the locker room accommodations next week.

Last month Yoga Fest was held and raised over \$6,000.00 for the Friends of the Newtown Community Center. We were very fortunate to host this event and be the recipient of this year's funds. The Community Center staff will begin planning next year's event in the coming weeks.

In the month of August we held Friends and Family Friday's to offer a free introductory day to residents only. We had 262 residents utilize this free period. Welcome week was a huge success, we offered specialized classes and programs along with swim evaluations and an Ice Cream Social at the end of the week with Ice Cream donated by Ferris Acres with music, juggling and HOOPLA!

Water Safety Week was a success we had nearly 40 kids in the program. Every child got 2 free swim lessons, an educational lesson on water safety tips a visit from Stewie the Duck and their own book. This was a great Segway into our fall lessons.

It has been a busy month at the Center as membership continues to grow. As of today we have over 2,600 members. We have released our new fall schedules and have made some adjustments to our water aerobics schedule (adding more classes) and revised our Health and Wellness schedules. We have hired some new staff for the desk to cover some holes that have been left by our college students. The High School girls swim team began utilizing the facility two weeks ago and we have arranged a variety of days and times to still be able to accommodate our members.

### **Programming Update-**

For our Fall session, swim lessons have 196 kids registered and nearly a dozen full classes. Little Movers started Saturday and Toddler Time starts this morning and Aging Mastery later this afternoon. Our Aging Mastery program is being run in conjunction with the Regional YMCA of Western Connecticut and has 24 participants. Our afterschool teacher wellness program has begun partnering with The Newtown Public Schools. The Bee is coming to cover these programs in the coming weeks.

Next week the after school Youth Yoga program will begin and we expect Dabble n Splash to run as well. We have been highlighting these programs to encourage more sign ups.

New classes have been added to the health and wellness schedule – Yogalates and Belly Dancing and Yoga Nidra. Each week classes are picking up in attendance with some as high as 18 – 19 people.

## **Upcoming Events:**

September 25<sup>th</sup>: Western Connecticut Health Network seminar- 6-7 pm  
Eat Well, Live Well- Discussion on healthful eating habits for disease prevention

October 11<sup>th</sup>: Plant Night-  
Join us to make your own glass terrarium with succulents

October 24<sup>th</sup>: Borrow my Glasses: Successful Communication with Alzheimers