

Orange Community Services Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 13, 2025 – Senior Lounge

Present: Jim White, Kevin Hadlock, Pat Ziman, Deb Esposito, Peter Boppert

Absent/Excused: Marianne Miller, Carol Imperati, Arlene Consiglio, Aileen DeFeo, Stephen Hechtman

Staff: Stacey Johnson, Chantelle Bunnell, Jennifer Hudson

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Review of Minutes: No quorum

Review of Latest Financial Report: Reviewed and discussed reimbursables accounts.

Director's Report:

- Presented Budget to Board of Finance – has not gotten the results yet.
- Pasta Festa nominations are coming in and will be chosen by the end of the month.
- New low-income homes on Smith Farm Rd have led to an increase in clients for Denise.
- Two residents have used fuel assistance this month and the food pantry is being used regularly.
- Tracy Bunch continues to meet on Monday evenings.

Senior Services Coordinator's Report:

- Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance will be starting in January until June with the help of grant money.
- Classes: Fitness, Yoga and Zumba continue to be successful; Drumming for Seniors has been well attended. Fitness continues for the fall.
- Movie of the Month – Hoosiers, I Can Only Imagine, Wicked
- Art Classes including "Painting for Pleasure" and "One and Done Drawing" continue.
- Partnered with Park & Rec to offer Shallow Water Exercise.
- Pasta Festa is set for May 15, 2025 at St. Barbara's Church – nominations are coming in.
- AARP Tax program continues until April 11th.
- Coffee with First Selectman Jim Zeoli will be held on April 7th.
- Volunteer Recognition Cabaret to be held on 4/14.

Transportation Report:

- The Center is now transporting on average, 8-9 people a day to the Senior Center to participate in activities.
- Averaging 21 rides per day.

Youth Services and Prevention Coordinator's Report:

- Teen Committee meetings are being held biweekly – 20-30 7th – 12th grade students.
- Second Babysitting Course will be held in April.
- JRB is now Youth Diversion Team
- Chantelle meeting with schools, superintendents, and other networking resources
- The scholarship committee has sent scholarship applications to the guidance department at Amity.
- "Screenagers" documentary and discussion-based program about youth and risk management was held in partnership with Diane Downey, school social worker, and was attended by about 30 people.
- Chantelle and Stacey went to the Board of Selectman to propose a moratorium on vape shops and were able to secure a six month moratorium before being reassessed at a later date.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Adjournment: 7:52 pm (Ziman/Boppert)

Next Meeting: April 10, 2025

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