

MINUTES OF THE WHEELING SENIOR COMMISSION

1- Call to Order. The March 1, 2018, meeting of the Wheeling Senior Commission was called to order by Vice Chairman Michael Kohen at 10:02 a.m.

2- Roll Call. Pat Miller took roll call and Gerry Malin and Kathy Pico were absent. Kathy Pico has submitted her resignation from the Commission effective at the end of February, 2018.

3- Approval of Minutes. Upon motion duly made by Joannie Purvin and seconded by Roberta Vollreide, the minutes of the February meeting were approved as submitted.

4- Chairman's Report. In the absence of Chairman Gerry Malin, Michael Kohen gave the Chairman's report. Michael Kohen reported on the possible set up at the CRC to inform seniors of the programs now at the CRC. A table could be placed in the entrance lobby, with possible food trays, newsletters, and any information to introduce seniors to the programs. Coffee is already set up in this area. It would be an initial set up, for 2 weeks, daily from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., beginning as soon as possible since the longer we wait the less likely some seniors may not be interested. It is also a way of meeting and socializing with other seniors. A list of volunteers will be formed.

5(A)- Senior Services Report. Shari Huizar reported that Age Options had visited and was impressed with the set up for the lunch program. At the February 2, 2018, meeting of the Wheeling Foundation, not many seniors have joined the Foundation. Shari Huizar suggested that since we do not pay a membership dues now, the \$20.00 Foundation membership fee could be submitted to the Foundation since they are paying a portion of the rental at St. Joseph's social hall for the lunch program. Shari Huizar is receiving calls for the SHIP insurance programs; direct marketing from the media (which does not specify any dates) may be helping to increase the calls. There is a slight decline in the attendance at the lunch program—weather may be a factor.

5(B)- Program Update. Alysia Miller-Goldstein reported that the Wheeling Pavilion newsletters will all now be mailed since there is no central location to place them for pickup or distribution. Alysia Miller-Goldstein brought several copies of the current newsletter for Commission members to take and distribute.

6- Old Business. There was no old business.

7- New Business. Officer Laverd has made some inquiries as to places for a Senior Expo to possibly held around September 14, 2018. We would need at least one room. Hopefully the construction at the CRC will be under way which would prohibit having it at the CRC.

Committee Reports. MaryAnn Marabella reported that Carson's coupon books may be available soon if volunteers can be used for distribution. The Fannie May candy will be available on a case-to-case basis. Both projects will be handled by the Wheeling Senior Foundation as fund raisers. The possibility of a Mix and Mingle event may be held during the summer. Due to construction, it may be inside or outside; a restaurant such as Lou Malnati's was also suggested.

8- Citizens' Comments or Concerns. Bruce Sembach mentioned that since only 38 people showed up at the Foundation meeting on March 22, 2018, would there be any way to market or advertise the Foundation in order to bring in more people (and funds). That possibility will be passed along to the Foundation.

9- Announcements. The next meeting will be April 5, 2018. Officer Laverd also mentioned another scam that is going on: If you are forwarding mail, either for vacation or moving, make sure the post office has the correct information (they don't ask for identification when a form is filed) and persons have filed