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MADISON SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES
January 10, 2023 MEETING

PRESENT: Austin Hall, Jerry Kerins, Dale Koch, Wendy Oberg, Lori Murphy, Heather Noblin, Nick Postovoit,

ABSENT: Chris Abbott

PUBLIC: None

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER: 5:30 pm by Jerry Kerins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CO-CHAIRMAN'S and COMMISSION MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

- Jerry Kerins and Commission members expressed sadness regarding the recent passing of Former State Rep and Community Leader Noreen Kokoruda.
- State Committee in the process of working on formula to allocate funding to Senior Centers.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Election of Senior Commission Officers.** Commission members voted Jerry Kerins and Wendy Oberg to Co-Chair and Lori Murphy as Secretary.
- **Affordable Housing Update:** Heather reports the Committee is recruiting members to serve.
- **Energy Assistance Update:** There has been 116 applicants thus far. Expecting 143. There has been a reduction in benefits available.
- **Social Services Update:**
 - ~ Newly hired Municipal Agent Steve Fabian is assisting with the Energy applications.
 - ~ Heather reports there has been an increase in reports of seniors facing challenges such as hoarding, dementia, alcohol abuse. She has been in contact with Elderly Protective Services. The Madison Police have put the addition of a social worker in their budget.
- **Senior Tax Relief Update:** Heather reports new tax season begins Feb. 1. AARP will assist with simple returns at the Senior Center.
- **Programs/Activities:**
 - ~ Healthy Brain Series presented by Hartford Healthcare began and was huge success. Approx. 40 seniors in attendance.
 - ~ Newcomers Club will feature talks by Town Officials.
 - ~ Dale has started Mahjongg 2.0
 - ~ Make up Tutorials will be held in March.
 - ~ Legal Assistance will be available by appointment.
 - ~ Paintings by Joan McPherson are on display throughout the Senior Center.

MEETING AJOURNED at 6:50 pm. Next meeting **TUESDAY** March 14, 2023 @ 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Murphy

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