

**Town of East Greenwich  
Community and Senior Center Advisory Committee  
Swift Community Center, 121 Peirce Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818  
November 17, 2015**

**Members present:** Carlo Ciasullo, George Coleman, Joyce Coleman, Terry Grausgruber, Kathleen Healey, Rosemary Kelly, Ed Oliver, Marilyn Oliver and Maureen Tortolanni

**Members absent:** Aurelia Dicecco, Helen Friend, Elizabeth Holmander, Grazina Kulawas

**Staff:** Erin McAndrew, Carol Tudino

The meeting began at 1:00 p.m.

The October minutes were distributed and reviewed. Terry Grausgruber said that her name was misspelled twice. George Coleman made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Kathleen Healey seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Maureen Tortolanni made a suggestion about posting the Department's inclement weather policy. She suggested that the description include wpri.com as a location to view the list of closings/cancelations.

Overall the committee members and seniors who attend the daily lunch program are happy with the quality of the food. A few comments were made about meals including; the pub burger and fish cake are not good, the fish is dry.

A comment was made that participation in Bingo is down. The program averages 70 participants, but recently the head count has been closer to 55.

There will be about 150 people attending the Thanksgiving luncheon on November 19<sup>th</sup>. This number includes volunteers and special guests. There is a waiting list with 20 people.

Special December programs: Smart Driver Course on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, New York Life presentation on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, It's A Wonderful Life Theatre trip on December 10<sup>th</sup> and a Holiday Chorus Concert on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

The mailing list currently has 443 recipients. The email list has approximately 150 recipients.

Swift will be decorated as a Winter Wonderland this holiday season. A suggestion was made to use icicles as decorations.

Prepared meals will be delivered to residences on December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Comments were made about membership. The current membership fee is \$5 per person/per year. A suggestion was made to charge East Greenwich residents \$5 and non-residents \$10 per year. Erin said if the Department charges two rates it would be difficult for the staff to keep track of residents and non-residents.

A question was asked about making membership mandatory for everyone who uses Swift. Erin said that some people who only attend the lunch program are not members. The lunches are funded by the U.S. Administration on Aging (AOA) and the RI Division of Elderly Affairs. Since the lunch program is funded through grants, Erin said she does not think we can make membership mandatory.

Benefits of membership: members receive the newsletter in the mail, a discount on classes and preference when registering for special trips (i.e. members have a week to register for before non-members).

Maureen Tortolanni made a motion to adjourn. George Coleman seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 2:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the Swift Community Center.