

**Town of East Greenwich  
Community and Senior Center Advisory Committee  
Swift Community Center, 121 Peirce Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818  
February 23, 2016**

**Members present:** Carlo Ciasullo, Aurelia Dicecco, Terry Grausgruber, Rosemary Kelly, Edward Oliver, Marilyn Oliver and Maureen Tortolanni

**Members absent:** Helen Friend, George Coleman, Joyce Coleman, Kathleen Healey

**Staff:** Erin McAndrew, Carol Tudino

The meeting began at 1:00 p.m.

The January minutes were reviewed. Terry Grausgruber made a motion to approve the minutes. Maureen Tortolanni seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The members discussed the annual volunteer luncheon and agreed to hold the event at Richard's Pub on September 13, 2016.

Two musicians from Music on the Hill will visit the Swift Community Center on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> and offer a free performance during lunch from 12:00 – 12:45 p.m. The musicians Anton Miller (violin) and Rita Porfiris (viola) are graduates of The Juilliard School and perform classical and popular music all over the world.

The Town Manager asked the Department Heads to look at ways to generate more revenue in the 16-17 fiscal year budget. Erin suggestion is to increase the membership fee from \$5 per person/per year to \$10 per person/per year. The membership fee includes the following; the monthly newsletter is mailed to a member's residence, members receive a discount on classes and preference when registering for special trips. Special trips include the Ocean State Theatre Company and Theatre By The Sea. When the Department offers special trips, members have one week to register before non-members. The cost per person/per year to produce the newsletter is \$3.60 (.30 cents per month). The cost per person/per year to produce the newsletter and mail it is \$7.20. Erin contacted other RI Senior Centers about revenue sources and said she will share this information with the committee in March.

A comment was made that "Birthday Party" on the lunch menu is confusing. Erin will clarify in the April newsletter what Birthday Party means when it is listed on the menu. She will write something like..."We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to everyone who was born in April! To celebrate April birthdays, we will serve birthday cupcakes on April (date). We will designate one lunch each month as a Birthday Party and serve cupcakes or cake for dessert. If you were born in April, we hope you can join us for lunch on (date)." One of the members asked if we are going to sing Happy Birthday on this day. Erin said we can if people want to sing.

The Department is in need of volunteers for the following; one person to operate the commercial dishwasher on Wednesdays and one person to serve lunch on Fridays.

Comments were made that some of the chairs need to be steam cleaned because they are stained and some of the chairs need to be vacuumed due to hair and food. Carol said she will ask the Swift maintenance employee to clean the chairs.

The Department would like to offer a Seafood Day in August and needs to pick a date. The menu will include red clam chowder, 2 clam cakes per person, a lobster roll, corn on the cob and dessert.

A suggestion was made to hold a yard sale to raise money for the Center. This idea will need to be explored...how much do we charge people to rent a table, do we ask for a percentage of their sales, how much money can we anticipate making, do we offer the yard sale during the week or on a weekend, how much will it cost to pay staff on a weekend, etc.?

Erin suggested offering a 50/50 raffle at special lunches to raise money for the Center. The special lunches include; Saint Patrick's Day, Summer Picnic, Thanksgiving and the December holiday celebration. A raffle license from the State Police is required.

A member asked if it was possible to offer a different sandwich choice on the day liver and onions is offered. The last few times liver and onions was on the menu an Italian grinder was the sandwich choice. Neither menu item is very popular.

Rosemary Kelly made a motion to adjourn. Terry Grausgruber seconded.

The meeting ended at 2:05 p.m.