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**MADISON SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES
December 9, 2021 MEETING**

PRESENT: Austin Hall, Dale Koch, Heather Noblin, Wendy Oberg, Lori Murphy, Justin Murphy, Jerry Kerins, Chris Abbott, Noreen Kokoruda

PUBLIC: Mrs. Jim Ryan

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER: 5:35 pm by Jerry Kerins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes of October 14, 2021 APPROVED

CO-CHAIRMAN'S and COMMISSION MEMBERS' COMMENTS: Dr. Kerins expressed condolences on behalf of the Senior Commission to Mrs. Ryan on the passing of her husband, Dr. Jim Ryan. He described him as a valued member of the Board who will be greatly missed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mrs. Jim Ryan stated how much her husband enjoyed being a member of the Commission and took pride in the work being done on behalf of seniors. She praised Middlesex Hospice and Elder Crew of Woodbridge for their compassionate end of life care.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Austin reports winners of raffle prizes commemorating Tenth Anniversary were enjoyed by members. Group photo was taken of members of the Center's Building Committee and past and present Senior Commission Members and Town officials. Ribbon cutting was reenacted for the anniversary.
- Masks are no longer mandatory in town buildings for those who are vaccinated.
- The café is still actively seeking to hire a server/kitchen helper.
- Vaccine booster clinics continue to be held at Town Campus (next one 12/16/21)
- Price of lunches has increased to \$7/meal due to increase in food prices.
- Meals on Wheels remain free to those in need. Letters will be sent to Meals on Wheels recipients in January asking for donations if possible. Presently serving approx. eighty meals. Funds remain in Milton Marcus account.

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT:

- Heather Noblin has been managing all Open Enrollment appointments completing approx. 60+. Committee recognized how labor intensive this task is and commended her for her work.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING:

- Heather Noblin and Wendy Oberg are members of this committee. They report there will be a zoom educational forum titled "Why Affordable Housing?" on 12/16/21 at 6pm. They also report over nine hundred Madison residents responded to Affordable Housing Survey.



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INCIDENT REPORTS:

- Austin reports that this past week catalytic converters from the two Center vans were stolen. This is the third time this has occurred. This causes a disruption to the transportation. Police patrol area at night, lights are in place. Future plans include installing cameras.

OTHER COMMENTS:

- Jerry Kerins reports Yale plans to merge with VNA Community Healthcare and Hospice. Discussion ensued regarding reopening of the Strong House Adult Day Center. Consensus was that there is a definite need for dementia care services along the shoreline. Dr. Kerins plans to follow up with Yale and enlist assistance of Commission Members.

MEETING AJOURNED at 6:30 pm. Next meeting January 13, 2022 at 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Murphy

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