

**TOWNSHIP OF DOWNERS GROVE COMBINED  
SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND SALT COUNCIL**

Minutes --- 3-5-18

**Attendance: SAC Committee:** Ralph Beardsley- Vice Chair, Kathy Abbate-resident, Lisa Berg-resident; Robert Petranek-realtor; **SALT:** Troy Agema- Dupage County Sheriff's Police, George Goodwin- AARP, Julie Larson- Dupage County Senior Services **Township:** Cathy Rager-Senior Services Coordinator, Karen Kelly, Twp. Trustee/Liaison

**Call to Order:** Vice-Chair Ralph B. called the meeting to order at 1:38 pm

1. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment
  
2. **Minutes:** February minutes could not be approved due to lack of a quorum
  
3. **Secretary's Report**
  - a. Vintage Times- Cathy produced her first show on 2/27 w/Susan Neustrom, Executive Director- Adult Day Center @ Gloria Dei Lutheran Church D.G.
  - b. Banner News – Shared preliminary draft of Banner News with members and asked for suggestions
  - c. Pocket Pal- Lynn Dralle printed 15 copies of the most updated brochure and shared with members. All gave more suggestions for improvement
  - d. Cathy will make changes and send final draft to Lynn for printing
  
4. **AARP Smart Driver Course**
  - a. Class went well; 15 registered, 13 attended and completed
  
5. **Sub Committees IT & Housing**
  - a. I.T. sub-committee -Lisa sent IT content from partnership with Indian Prairie Library and others to Cathy for inclusion in the draft of the Banner News
  - b. Lisa Berg would like to invite the Indian Prairie Library contact as a guest
  - c. Housing sub-committee- All agreed housing sub-committee is unneeded since information already exists thru county; just needs to be promoted and shared
  - d. Robert Petranek shared insights on a training he attended & passed around a directory on housing called Elder Works; Julie L. will compare these listings to the county directory; Robert will get one for the township office
  - e. George Goodwin/Julie Larson talked about a "blue book" on fair market housing, however the listings are not subsidized
  
6. **New/Old Business**
  - a. Robert attended a "Dementia Tour" at his training which simulates difficulties older people and/or people with dementia might have
  - b. Shared stats: 48% of people over 85 have dementia; 70% of caregivers die first when they have spouses w/dementia
  - c. George Goodwin attending multiple senior expos throughout the area
    - Naperville Triad – Senior Housing Options Expo, 4/27/18, 9-noon

- Naperville/Lisle Triad Mtgs. 1st Wednesdays of month, Bird Cage 9:30-10:30am
- d. Robert is setting date for Senior Scam Presentation w/Westmont Library; they will send out to 13,000 residents and do all work & follow-up
- e. Possibly videotape Robert's presentation to be shown on Vintage Times
- f. Discussion on creation of posters or flyers on specific senior topics to post around community every other month
- g. Discussion on advanced directives- POAs/Revocable Trusts & law regarding Prevention of Spousal Impoverishment- more info @county

**7. Motion to Adjourn – 2:55pm**

**8. Future Meeting/Event dates**

- a. April 2, 2018 1:30pm Township Boardroom
- b. FFDGTS April Fundraiser for Buona Beef; Date is changing from April 12<sup>th</sup> to either the 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am-10:00pm (Cathy will update)
- c. Naperville Triad Senior Housing Options Expo - 4/27/18 - 9am-12noon
- d. FFDGTS Culver's Fundraiser Downers Grove- Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 5-8pm
- e. Senior Scam Presentation at Westmont Library-TBD
- f. Senior Resource Fair- Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm Lincoln Center