



BETHEL SENIOR CENTER

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COMMISSION ON AGING
1 SCHOOL STREET
BETHEL, CT 06801

The meeting of the Commission on Aging for November 3, 2008 was called to order at 2:37 P.M. by Chairman, Al Barney.

Members present: Al Barney, Lou Walsh, Barbara Negri and Director Kathy Oles.

Members Absent: Jim Newell, Mary O'Leary and Municipal Agent Kathleen Gillen.

Minutes from the meeting of October 6, 2008 were distributed and accepted as read.

Municipal Agent's Report: None

Director's Report: Distributed and accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: Distributed and accepted as read.

Old Business: Kathy Oles reported she is still waiting for information on the \$5,000 grant for the new sound system and TV, and Al Barney inquired about a time frame. Nothing has been reported. Al Barney stated that he is still looking into the room capacity rating by the Fire Marshall for the common room and art room.

New Business: Kathy Oles suggested a discussion on the budget for next year at the next meeting. She will request a \$2.00 raise for Marie Zappala. The 2009 meeting schedule for the Commission on Aging will be discussed at the next meeting.

Miscellaneous (Good of the Order): None

The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m. by Chairman Barney. Next scheduled meeting is Monday, December 8, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay H. Visconti
Secretary, Commission on Aging

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Commissioners' Report November 3, 2008

We had a fantastic Halloween Party on October 24. It was kind of Caribbean-style with a sweet and sour chicken being served for lunch. Most everyone dressed up for the Caribbean and we even did the limbo. We had programs in October on long-term care, reverse mortgages, living wills, Connecticare, and reading the body languages of the presidential candidates.

November is Craft Fair month! We have been making and collecting lots of crafts, ceramics pieces, and knitted and crocheted items to sell at the Fair. Many people have been dropping off treasures for the white elephant tables. Volunteers have been helping me make pie crusts for the eighty or so apple pies we will make. Seniors have been signing up to make other baked goods and help by volunteering their time on the day of the fair. We will be ready on November 14 and 15 for this annual affair. This year we are adding Heather's chili to the menu to be served along with our famous hot dog and sauerkraut (the latter made by the ever-dependable Joan Finn). We are also having a Veterans' Luncheon on November 10th with Bob Mel doing a musical entertainment program for them.

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets on the quilt, "Sing a Christmas Song."

Coming up in December, we will be having our annual Christmas Bingo. Simply Seafood is going to cater this for us for \$5 a person. Also the Christmas Party will be on December 19th and we hope the High School Choir will be singing for us. We are also planning a New Years Eve Party on December 31. This will take place in the all-purpose room from 12:00-3:30.

We distributed 1,900 newsletters last month. We had an average of 119 people per day at the Center.

Trips for the remainder of 2008:

Nov. 13	"The Producers" \$77
Dec. 4	Hu Ke Lau Christmas \$69
Jan. 13	Foxwoods \$25
Mar. 12	Ace in the Hole - Wearing of the Green-\$73
Mar. 31	Mohegan Sun-\$25
May 7	Lobsterfest - Platzl Brauhaas-\$67
Aug 6	Westchester Theatre - Beehive, the 60s Musical - \$80

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Oles,
Director, Bethel Senior Center

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