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The meeting of the Commission on Aging for April 13, 2009 was called to order at 2:32 P.M. by Chairman, Al Barney.

Members present: Chairman Al Barney, Treasurer Lou Walsh, Director Kathy Oles, Commissioner Barbara Negri, and Commissioner Mary O'Leary.

Minutes from the meeting of March 9, 2009 were distributed and accepted as read.

Municipal Agent's Report: None submitted.

Director's Report: Distributed by Director Kathy Oles and accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: Distributed and accepted as read.

Old Business: The Senior Center Directory of Services booklet was again discussed and will be a summer project.

New Business: Director Oles brought up the "Are You OK?" program currently in effect at the Ridgefield Senior Center. This program involves "wake up" calls every day to seniors living alone. She discussed looking for a grant to start up the program at the Bethel Senior Center. All members felt it would be beneficial to our seniors. Chairman Barney notified the commissioners of a Summit Meeting on May 9, 2009 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at New Fairfield Senior Center.

Miscellaneous (Good of the Order): None.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m. by Chairman Barney. Next scheduled meeting is Monday, May 11, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay H. Visconti
Secretary, Commission on Aging

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Commissioners' Report April 13, 2009

Welcome to spring and hopefully a little warmer weather. Our new television has arrived and has been installed. We have also purchased a small cabinet to put the components in and the Wii game. Next week we are supposed to get the pool table moved to the cafeteria. I have not order the bench yet because I want to see how much the pool table is going to cost. Our new Zumba Gold class has been very popular. There is between 20-25 people each week. The annual Bethel Senior Center Card Party sponsored by The Friends of the Bethel Seniors will happen on May 1st. We hope to see you all there.

Everyone had a great time at Ace in the Hole's St Patrick's Party on March 10th. Also, even if these loss money, they loved going to the Mohegan Sun at the end of March. We were lucky because the weather was good for both of these day trips. On April 3rd, we had a wonderful Tea Party that was sponsored by the Friend of the Seniors. There were fancy sandwiches, scone and many desserts and of course lots of tea. Everything was delicious.. After the tea we played a new game call Bunco. It was fun. Somehow I don't think Seniors like to try new things when it interferes with their regular scheduled programs.

Coming up, in April we have a trip planned to Monticello. This trip is sold out. On May 7th we will be going to the Lobster festival at Platzl Brauhaus in Pamona, NY. This is a very interesting place. They are having Caribbean music, lots of dancing and all the beer you can drink (oh-and all the Lobster you can eat). Everyone always enjoys himself or herself.

Besides the Card Party on May 1st, we are also going to have in May our annual Senior Show. This year it is called **What a Wonderful World** and will be presented on Friday May 29th at 1PM and 7PM. We have worked hard to pick the best of the 60's music and hope everyone will really enjoy this show.

We distributed 1,900 newsletters last month. We had an average of 98 people per day at the Center during the month of March. We are very grateful to the AARP Tax-Aide Volunteers for all the help they gave to our Senior with their Tax preparation. They helped over 100 people. We have also completed another course in jewelry making. Also we will be sponsoring an AARP Driving Course on April 27th and 28th.

Trips in 2009

April 15	Monticello - \$27
May 7	Lobsterfest - Platzl Brauhaus - \$70
June 23-25	Summertime in Amish Country - \$379
July 13	Essex Railroad And Boat-Plus Lunch-\$78
Aug. 6	Westchester Theatre - Beehive, the 60s Musical - \$80
Sept 9	Lady Katherine Boat trip-\$77
Oct. 29	Caribbean Cruise - \$1186 and up.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Oles, Director Bethel Senior Center