



# COMMISSION ON AGING

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The meeting of the Commission on Aging for January 10, 2011 was called to order at 2:32 p.m. by Chairman Al Barney.

Members present: Chairman Al Barney, Commissioners Mary O'Leary, Barbara Negri, Mary Menti, Treasurer Lou Walsh, Municipal Agent Kathleen Gillan and Director Kathy Oles.

Minutes from the meeting of December 13, 2010 were distributed. A motion to accept the report was made by Commissioner Negri and seconded by Chairman Barney.

Municipal Agent's Report: Distributed by Agent Gillan. A motion to accept the report was made by Treasurer Walsh and seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. A discussion followed regarding home care for the elderly.

Director's Report: Distributed by Director Oles. A motion was made to accept the report by Commissioner O'Leary and was seconded by Chairman Barney.

Treasurer's Report: None submitted.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Director Oles distributed a draft copy of the 2011 budget. A discussion followed and the draft was approved by the commissioners.

Miscellaneous (Good of the Order): None.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m. by Chairman Barney. Next scheduled meeting is Monday, February 14, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kay H. Visconti  
Secretary, Commission on Aging

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### Director's Report January 10, 2011

Happy New Year! Our Christmas Show and Luncheon was a big success. We had about 50 people participate in the Show. We had over 165 people attend the Show. The R.O.T.C. high school students came and helped serve. Between the money we raised and the generosity of the Friends of the Bethel Seniors, we were able to give Part & Recreation \$1000 dollars for their new play ground at Meckauer Park. It was a lot of work, but I think it was enjoyed by all. Next show, spring of 2012.

The winner of our 2010 Quilt was Gus DaSilva of Danbury. Everyone worked very hard on this quilt and the other prizes in the raffle. They all deserve a big "Thank You". Beltone was here on December 15<sup>th</sup> and gave several people hearing tests. We have about 70 people signed up for our New Years Bingo, which had to be postponed to January 14 because of a snow storm. The High School Chorus will come to sing and have lunch with us. We will all have a great time.

The annual Hanging Party is coming up on January 13<sup>th</sup>. This is always fun for our Art Class. Tax Aide for helping people with their Income Taxes will start on February 9th. They will be using the computer room, and sending out sending the participants' tax forms via the internet. AARP driving courses have been streamlined and will now be a one-day, four-hour course. We are offering five of these courses this year. Ana and I will be running a six-week Live Well Workshop starting on February 28<sup>th</sup>. This workshop will teach people to live a better life and deal with chronic conditions, their own or someone to whom they are caregivers.

I have talked to Andrew Morosky, head of the Public Works department, about helping us get started with the Needs Assessment process. He wanted a copy of all correspondence about the topic, which I have given him. I hope he will get back to me soon. During the month of December, 1,700 newsletters were distributed, among mailings, deliveries to Bishop Curtis and Reynolds Ridge, and those picked up at the Senior Center. Visiting the Center, we had an average of 94 people/day.

#### Trips in 2010-2011

January 27-28	Getaway at Mohegan Sun - \$113/pp double
March 1	Mohegan Sun - \$25
March 16	MaMa Mia - \$104 - on Broadway-lunch included
May 6-14	Cruise to Canada - \$1225 to \$2400
April 10	The Mouse Trap - \$67
April 28	Riverhouse - \$71
May 26	Singing in the Rain - Westchester Dinner Theatre - \$79

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Oles, Director, Bethel Senior Center

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The holiday season went pretty well... there were no problems with the 90+ food deliveries at Thanksgiving and again at Christmas. The men who are in charge of this program now do a good job.

I was able to get all of the families with children adopted for gifts at Christmas, but came up short on gift cards for teenagers.

The food pantry is well stocked as usual, for this time of year, but we need to ration carefully for the lean times in the summer.

Operation Fuel funds have become available and I hope to be able to assist some senior households who did not qualify for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program due to a few too much assets. These funds are being used this year primarily to prevent utility shutoff in the Spring.

I am receiving many phone calls from people requesting information on home care for their elderly parents.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen Gillen".

Kathleen Gillen  
Bethel Municipal Agent for the Elderly