



COMMISSION ON AGING

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The meeting of the Commission on Aging for February 14, 2011 was called to order at 2:33 p.m. by Chairman Al Barney.

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

Minutes from the meeting of January 10, 2011 were distributed. A motion to accept the report was made by Commissioner Negri and seconded by Commissioner Menti.

Municipal Agent's Report: An oral report was presented by Municipal Agent Kathleen Gillen.

Director's Report: Distributed by Director Oles. A motion was made to accept the report by Commissioner Walsh and was seconded by Commissioner Negri.

Treasurer's Report: Distributed by Lou Walsh and accepted as read.

Old Business: Director Oles distributed copies of the budget request she submitted for the fiscal year 2011-2012. A discussion ensued.

Director Oles mentioned the ongoing dilemma regarding the VNA space. She stated that she has gotten complaints of "not enough space" for activities. Chairman Barney added that he has heard more people talking about a "new center". Director Oles stated that she spoke with the First Selectman recently and he told her that they have \$2,500 set aside for an assessment to redesign the Senior Center space. She has completed and submitted the paperwork needed for this project and will keep the COA updated.

New Business: Chairman Barney announced the resignation of Commissioner Mary O'Leary and introduced the new Commissioner Ann Cummings.

Miscellaneous (Good of the Order): None.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m. by Chairman Barney. Next scheduled meeting is Monday, March 14, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay H. Visconti
Secretary, Commission on Aging

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Director's Report February 14, 2011

January weather was not very kind to the Senior Center this year. We were closed ten days out of the month mostly due to snow, sleet and rain. February has to be better. After only one postponement, we did have our New Year Bingo on January 14th. The High School Chorus came and entertained us and then stayed and had a pizza luncheon with us. Everyone seemed to have a great time. The hanging party was cancelled and will be rescheduled in spring. Adel Moros had to have an operation and will be out of commission for about 6 weeks.

We have started having RSVP board meeting at the Center. RSVP is a good organization that keeps track of senior volunteers in the Northern Fairfield county area. AARP Tax Aide started on February 9th. We had 15 appointments scheduled for this day. Appointments will be scheduled until April 13th. The AARP volunteers who are running this program will be using the computer room, and sending out the participants' tax forms via the internet. Our next AARP driving class will be on April 12th. This course has been streamlined and will now be a one-day, four-hour course. Ana and I will be running a six-week Live Well Workshop starting on February 28th. We have 9 people signed up to take this course, which is a workshop that will teach people to live a better life and deal with chronic conditions, their own or someone to whom they are caregivers.

We are going to welcome Spring by having some fun and informative gathering in March. On March 15th, Frank Ramos from Social Security is coming to talk about changes and what's new. He will also answer any questions our seniors might have. On March 17th, the Gray School of Dance will be here to do Irish dancing for us. We are also going to have Mardi Gras Friday. On March 22, Wells Fargo Bank will be here to talk about reverse mortgages. We hope you can join us for some or all of these events.

On January 17th, 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 93 people/day.

Trips in 2010-2011

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