



COMMISSION ON AGING

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The meeting of the Commission on Aging for November 14, 2011 was called to order at 2:35 p.m. by Chairman Al Barney.

Members present: Chairman Al Barney, Commissioners Ann Cummings, Mary Menti, Barbara Negri, and Director Kathy Oles.

Minutes from the meeting of October 11, 2011: Distributed and accepted as read.

Municipal Agent's Report: None.

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

Treasurer's Report: None.

Old Business: - Commissioner Cummings inquired about the benches for the seniors to use when waiting for the bus trips. Director Oles stated that she is still working on that situation.

Director Oles announced that the new instructors for Tai Chi and tap dance have been hired.

New Business: - Chairman Barney stated that the commission will be discussing the annual budget next month.

Director Oles announced that the new dishwasher has been delivered but has not been installed at this time.

Miscellaneous (Good of the Order): None.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m. by Chairman Barney. Next scheduled meeting is 2:30 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay H. Visconti
Secretary, Commission on Aging

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Director's Report

Nov. 14, 2011

The end of October didn't fare much better than the beginning of September. The Senior Center was turned into part of the town shelter that was available to those who were out of electricity. Even the animals were taken care of in our art room. We are very fortunate in the town of Bethel to be able to do this for our citizens. The day before the snow storm, we had our annual Halloween Party. Every one came in their western costume. We even had a sheep to herd! Bob Mel entertained us, and he was very good as usual.

We had a great time at the Oktoberfest at the Aqua Turf on October 11th. The band they had was very good and the food was delicious. The trip to Mohegan Sun was a little more dramatic, because we had to leave a couple there because her husband did not show up for the bus. We looked for 45 minutes, but then had to leave. They were reunited after the security people decided he was really missing. Their son came and picked them up and all ended well. Luckily, we had great weather for both outings.

We now have two new teachers to replace the Tai Chi and Tap Dance teachers. Our Tai Chi teacher is Susan Bradley, and she will teach class on Thursdays at 11 am. Classes run for 8 weeks at a time. It's best to start at the beginning of each session. We also have found a wonderful new tap dance teacher, Holly Gundolfi, who will do a beginner's class for the first 30 minutes and then a more advanced class for 45 minutes. Every one is welcome to stay for the whole class. Our chorus is starting to learn the songs we will be doing in our "Show" next year. They are sounding really good.

The Annual Christmas Fair is coming up this week. We are working very hard to get everything done including baking our pies. We hope all our regulars and people in our exercise classes will bring baked goods and/or home-made items to sell. The craft class, ceramics, and the knitting and crocheting group have been working hard to make items to sell. We encourage all to come to our fair in support of the Center. We will also be going to see "My Fair Lady" at Westchester on Thursday with a full bus. We are going to introduce the Yellow Dot program at a special meeting on December 2. This program is sponsored by People's Bank, the Police department, and the Senior Center. We will be having Pizza for lunch after the meeting and then Christmas Bingo.

On October 21, 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 113 people/day. We have not started the Needs Assessment process yet because we are still waiting to see the results of the grant written for the Teen Center. On September 29th, we started the VNA's series of flu shots. We have completed all five days of shots.

Trips in 2011-2012

Nov 17	My Fair Lady-Westchester Broadway-\$79
Dec 1	New York Botanical Gardens Holiday Train Show, Arthur Ave.-\$60
Jan 10	Foxwoods-\$25
Jan25-26	UConn Women's Basketball at Syracuse with Turning Stone Casino overnight-\$192
March 15	A Great Day for the Irish at Ace in the Hole-\$74

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Oles, Director, Bethel Senior Center