



# COMMISSION ON AGING

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The meeting of the Commission on Aging for April 14, 2014 was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Chairman Al Barney.

Members present: Commissioners Al Barney, Mary Menti, Barbara Negri, Judy Novachek, Kay Visconti and Municipal Agent/Director Lisa Plumb.

**Minutes from the meeting of March 10, 2014:** Distributed. A motion to accept the report was made by Commissioner Negri and was seconded by Commissioner Menti. All were in favor.

**Municipal Agent's Report:** Distributed by Municipal Agent Lisa Plumb. A motion to accept the report as read was made by Treasurer Novachek and seconded by Chairman Barney. All were in favor.

**Director's Report:** Distributed by Director Lisa Plumb. A motion to accept the report as read was made by Treasurer Novachek and seconded by Chairman Barney. All were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Distributed by Treasurer Novachek. A motion to accept the report as modified was made by Chairman Barney and seconded by Commissioner Menti. All were in favor.

**Old Business:** Director Plumb spoke about the Ace in the Hole in New Jersey trip for St. Patrick's Day. "We had a somewhat unpleasant experience so I wrote them a letter with my concerns. When they received it they immediately called and apologized and wanted more detail of the concerns. They sent a follow up letter apologizing and what they are going to do to improve their services." "I think this was great, he didn't have to go to that extent. At that point that's all he could have done was to acknowledge my concerns and followed up on them, both on the phone and in writing. I really was impressed by that. I thought it was great that he did that." Commissioner Visconti asked what the concerns were. Director Plumb stated that the room was very cold and people had to wear their coats and others were going to wait in the bus. When she asked them (two different men) to turn the air conditioner off they disregarded her request. Finally, she went to the manager and they took care of it immediately. Also, the food was served family style and they ran out of food. Then they stopped serving the wine before the time that was announced. Chairman Barney stated that they had changed management.

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**New Business:** As stated in Director Plumb's Municipal Agent report, Bethel Senior Center serviced 130 members through the AARP Tax Assistance Program. It is estimated that 60 to 75 people were turned away. Chairman Barney asked Director Plumb if we had more up to date computers would we have turned as many people away? "Were we limited by the work stations?" Director Plumb replied "no, they only bring so many workers" for that service. "What one center did was ask for an extra day at the end of the session." Treasurer Novachek asked if we could ask for extra days before starting the next schedule. Director Plumb said yes, but stated that the problem for next year is that the program will be changing to Windows 8 and none of our computers are compatible with that program nor can they be upgraded to Windows 8. Treasurer Novachek suggested leasing new computers. Director Plumb stated that she will look into that possibility.

- Also stated in Director Plumb's report regarding the Triumph Actuation Systems, Inc., a luncheon will be held on May 9 at the Bethel Senior Center recognizing the renovation work done in the cafeteria by their volunteers. That sparked a discussion about the volunteer situation by Director Plumb. She stated that she would like to work with more volunteers from the high school.

- Director Plumb stated that Chairman Barney has agreed to run the casino trip for her next week. She stated that they have a full bus.

- Director Plumb stated that she has gone to Zemel's TV & Appliance store to research two new air conditioners for the Center.

- Treasurer Novachek inquired about what was determined at the Food Safety Program regarding food for the parties, etc. Director Plumb stated that baked goods are OK but no dairy, such as whipped cream.

**Miscellaneous (Good of the Order):** None.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. Next scheduled meeting is 2:30 p.m. on **Monday, May 12, 2014.**

Respectfully submitted,



Kay H. Visconti  
Secretary, Commission on Aging

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## OLD BUSINESS

- The Bridge Workshop that was held was a big success. The workshop drew new people to the BSC. As a result of the workshop and its new members, more members attended the BSC for a tour and to sign up as a member. The bridge programs have increased in number due to the workshops.
- The Dept. of Health presented a food safe program on 4/11/14, titled, "What's lurking in your kitchen". The room was packed with members (40+). The group majority enjoyed the presentation. One couple was argumentative being upset they are not allowed to bring certain foods to the BSC and serve it to the community.
- The exercise classes are using our new BOSE music system. It is kept in the lower kitchen and secured (by lock and chain) to the table in the kitchen. It is accessible by lifting the kitchen window and pulling it out to the end of the cabinet. The sound is excellent. The staff is planning on using it for some special events coming up.
- The BHS Information Technology program will be held in the Municipal Center for the first time in April 2014. The program will be held on the 3rd floor in the Board of Education conference room. This should be easier for some members to access.
- The Love Story program scheduled for Valentine's Day that was cancelled due to weather has been rescheduled for March 19. The room was filled with members both participating and enjoying the show. It was well received by all. Light refreshments were served.

## NEW BUSINESS

- The Triumph Actuation Systems, Inc., the company that did the renovation on the cafeteria has been invited to the Bethel Senior Center for a luncheon on May 9. At the luncheon the BSC will present the plaque that was made to recognize their efforts. And present the group with certificates.
- There will be a free Health Fair presented by the State of CT on May 1. Several screenings will be done free of charge.
- May 2 will be the Annual Games & Dessert party. The name has been changed from Card Party because last year people did not attend thinking they had to only play cards if they attended. Several local merchants have donated items to be raffled that evening.
- There will be a program on " Organization" on May 14 at 10:30 am. This is a program that has been rescheduled after being cancelled last month due to illness of the instructor.
- The Lunch & Learn programs have been extremely successful. The BSC is turning people away and often has a waiting list for these programs.

- There will be a BSC show this year titled, "Gold Rings for Silver Stars" featuring many groups from the BSC.
- One of our members, Philip Lu, will have a Book Signing on 5/29.

ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS: none.

**VOLUNTEERS:**

- BHS volunteers continue to come to the BSC every Tuesday.
- Lisa Plumb has been in touch with the town Attorney to get permission to have a volunteer program year-round at the BSC.
- One member recently asked to be a volunteer. He worked in food management most of his life and would like to assist in the kitchen if possible.

Respectfully,



Lisa Plumb

Bethel Senior Center Director

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## Municipal Agent Report

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- Several telephone inquiries have been made regarding senior living options in Bethel and the surrounding towns.
- Several seniors telephoned the BSC interested in having their taxes done. The BSC serviced 130 members through the AARP Tax Assistance program. It is estimated that 60-75 people were turned away.
- Lisa Plumb assisted one gentleman with Advance Directives.

