



COMMISSION ON AGING

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The meeting of the Commission on Aging for May 11, 2015 was called to order at 2:40 p.m. by Chairman Al Barney.

Members present: Commissioners Al Barney, Barbara Negri, Kay Visconti and Senior Center Director/Municipal Agent Lisa Plumb.

Minutes from the meeting of April 13, 2015: Distributed. A motion to accept the report with the following modification* to the last paragraph of page two was made by Chairman Barney and seconded by Commissioner Negri. All were in favor. *Director Plumb spoke with First Selectman Knickerbocker about the situation and he suggested that she speak with Commissioner Novachek and Chairman Barney. After she spoke with them, Commissioner Novachek stated that the member in question should attend the next Commission on Aging meeting (April 13) as an opportunity to discuss the problems. After a lengthy discussion at that meeting with the member, it was determined by the commissioners that the member should meet with Director Plumb and try to work out a solution together. Director Plumb stated that she would be more than willing to set up an appointment for that purpose.

Municipal Agent's Report: Distributed by Municipal Agent Lisa Plumb. A motion to accept the report as read was made by Commissioner Visconti and seconded by Commissioner Negri. All were in favor.

Director's Report: Distributed by Director Lisa Plumb. A motion to accept the report as read was made by Commissioner Visconti and seconded by Commissioner Negri. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: None.

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Old Business: Director Plumb presented a letter to the commissioners thanking them for their support regarding the discussion of the problem situation with the member at the April meeting. She went on to say that the situation with the member has improved and it is much appreciated.

The issue regarding the out of town resident fee was discussed. Director Plumb stated that the center's attendance has grown around 400%.

Director Plumb stated that she is considering waivers for all of the exercise programs. Chairman Barney suggested consulting a lawyer and/or our insurance agent.

The newsletter, and how to save money from the printing, was again discussed.

New Business: Commissioner Negri suggested some new trips for the Senior Center. A lively discussion followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m. by Chairman Barney. Next scheduled meeting is 2:30 p.m. on **Monday, June 8, 2015.**

Respectfully submitted,



Kay H. Visconti

Secretary, Commission on Aging

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OLD BUSINESS

- Two new positions have been hired at the Senior Center and both Rosemary Cywin, Assistant Director and Joan Simpson, Senior Center Aide have completed their orientation and training. Both women have adjusted to their new schedules and positions and are working out well.
- Ana Ross resigned on April 30.
- The BSC attended Westchester Dinner Theatre on April 29 to see West Side Story. The trip was sold out and was well liked by those who attended.
- The Bethel Senior Center held a Variety Show on April 17. The show was full to capacity. Groups from the Senior Center performed including the Chorus, Line Dancing, Square Dancing, and a couple of skits. Judy Novachek arranged for a theatre teacher from the high school (Beth Salvador) to assist the group(s). She did an outstanding job and the show went off beautifully. Beth was sent a gift from the Friends of the Bethel Seniors for her efforts and time.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Dessert + Games Night (Card Party) is scheduled for June 5. Members have been preparing by collecting gifts from local vendors to be raffled at the event.
- The staff has been preparing for the Senior Information Fair coming up June 11.
- All trips continue to be filled. The Bermuda cruise trip scheduled for September is filled and the group has met with the travel agent who is organizing the trip to explain details of the trip.
- A Mother's Day lunch was held Friday, 5/8. Members enjoyed a luncheon and cello player who performed.

VOLUNTEERS

Two people have inquired about doing volunteer work at the Center. We continue to have one student volunteer who will complete his school year of volunteer work in June. Another student volunteer is doing sandwich signs for the Senior Center at home that will advertise the Senior Information Fair.

ACCIDENTS

Two accidents occurred during the past month. Both accidents were senior center members. One woman fell in art class tripping over a chair and falling injuring her arm and bumping her face on another chair. The second accident was a woman in writing class who had an extreme headache and became tearful due to the pain. Medical assistance was suggested in each case and declined by the person injured.

Respectfully submitted,


Lisa Plumb, Bethel Senior Center Director

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- Lisa met with one resident who was recently served papers on foreclosure of her home. Several agencies were discussed with her to help her through the process and possibly assist her to prevent her home from foreclosure.
- Several inquiries were received regarding Senior Housing in this area. Handouts were given to all.
- Two inquiries were received requesting information on insurance and Medicare.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Plumb, Bethel Municipal Agent