



COMMISSION ON AGING

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The meeting of the Commission on Aging for December 9, 2013 was cancelled due to inclement weather. A special meeting on Monday, December 16 was called to order at 2:45 p.m. by Chairman Al Barney.

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

Minutes from the meeting of November 12, 2013: Distributed. A motion to accept the report was made by Treasurer Novachek and seconded by Commissioner Negri. 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 Commissioner Negri 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 was made by Chairman Barney and seconded by Commissioner Negri. All were in favor.

Old Business: Director Plumb stated that she would like a sub-committee to work on the budget. Chairman Barney and Treasurer Novachek volunteered for the committee.

New Business: None

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, January 13, 2014.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kay H. Visconti
Secretary, Commission on Aging

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Commission on Aging

December 9, 2013

OLD BUSINESS

Heather Rogalski is back from her leave of absence. She returned for one week and had a death in family and was out of work the following week. She is expected back to work this week. The renovations for the cafeteria are still being explored. Two contractors have been in to the Senior Center to give quotes for the lighting and repair of the bathrooms. The final quotes have not been received yet.

The Holiday Shoppe was held 11-15/16. Attendance was slow both days in the a.m. and Saturday all day. Because of the low attendance this year and last on Saturday the staff is considering holding the fair one day or at a different time of year. Selling cookie trays was very successful. The total money earned was \$3506. Some expenses for food and expenses for the basket raffle were submitted to the town. The Friends of the Bethel Seniors received \$2846. and the Town of Bethel received the payment from the vendors which was \$660. The town of Bethel paid for the signs. 2012 money earned was \$3223.

(\$550. was vendor payments which was submitted to the Town of Bethel).

The Veteran's Breakfast held 11-8 was a big success. The breakfast was simple, eggs, sausage, breads and juice per request of the Veteran's. The entertainment was the IHS choir who did a Veteran's concert. People commented they were excellent. Lisa sent the choir \$100. as a gift for coming to perform. (Less than half the rate of previous hired performers).

Twelve BSC members took a tour with the HART Bus Co. They presented a DVD prior to the ride and explained the routes and prices. A tour guide accompanied the members as they rode the bus, transferred at Kennedy Park to another bus, and took a second bus to Panera Bread in Brookfield where they were treated to a beverage and snack. All returned with the guide to BSC. It was a great experience and one we will plan again in the spring.

Bob Becker presented an "Inspirational Musical Experience" on 11/21. His original music, lyrics and stories were inspiring. He had many of the participants in tears with his moving stories and songs.

20 members attended a lunch and show at Cappellaro's Grove, Bethel. 25 attended a Christmas show at Walnut Hill Community Church.

The AARP Safe Driving Course and White Christmas show at Westchester Dinner Theatre are both sold out.

The Coat Drive is still in progress.

We had a ping pong table donated in November.

NEW BUSINESS

All holiday shoppe volunteers and vendors (instructors) received a handwritten thank you note for Thanksgiving to express the appreciation the Senior Center has for their service.

A quarterly food inspection was held 12-5-13. Lisa pointed out the cabinet to the inspector and she cited it as a deficiency. The cabinet is located next to the dishwasher and because of the heat of the dishwasher it has disintegrated the pressed wood beneath the veneer. Lisa will ask the Town of Bethel to repair or replace this cabinet as part of this year's annual capital budget. The BSC is continuing to accept a flow of new members weekly.

Lisa attended a two day Excel seminar the first week of Dec. She receives a discount on future seminars and is planning to attend additional pertinent seminars in the future.

The Senior Center staff have been updating information to reflect the increase in member enrollment and class lists. The Finance Department has requested that the Senior Center deposit money from classes weekly rather than monthly. The time it took to record the class money, tip money for instructors, and count the money monthly was about 4 hours. The Senior Center recently purchased a money counting machine which has helped a great deal making the process more efficient and accurate.

The vacuum and raffle drum, gifts from the Friends of the Bethel Seniors, have both been ordered and received. The staff is very grateful for both of these gifts.

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UPCOMING TRIPS

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ACCIDENTS / INCIDENTS

None reported.

Submitted By:

Lisa Plumb, Senior Center Director