



COMMISSION ON AGING

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The meeting was called to order at 3.00 P.M. by the Chairman.

MEETING MINUTES

Oct. 15, 2007

IN ATTENDANCE Al Barney (Chairman), Lou Walsh, Shirley Dann, Jim Newell, Mary O'Leary, Gail Hilton, Kathy Oles (Director),

Minutes of last meeting distributed.

1. Minutes accepted as read.
2. Municipal Agents Report-read and accepted.
3. Report, Director, Bethel Senior Center- Report read and accepted

Carpet will be installed in two of the rooms this month.

Nov. 30 will be Christmas bingo with Bob Mel entertaining.

We have been invited to enter the festival of trees in Torrington.

4. Report - Treasurer's report read and accepted.

From now on coffee and tea will be free

5. Old business - Interviews for the position of asst. director are to start this month.
6. New business - It was voted to start the meeting at 2:30 instead of 3:00.
7. Miscellaneous (good of the order)- None

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M. by the Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioners' Report October 2007

This past month was very eventful. Our long time Assistant Director, Donna Zegray, retired. We had a nice luncheon for her, which was attended by 160 of her friends and family. Donna has moved to Florida with her husband, Jim, and we wish her every success and happiness in her retirement years.

During September, we had two-day trips. We had 55 people attend the Big E (the most we've ever taken), and we had the Foxwoods Casino trip, which is always well attended - a full bus of people and money going out, and a full bus of people and a little money returning. Our cruise the first week of October was terrific and we had great sailing weather, great friendship, great ports of call, and just a great time. The cost was very reasonable. There is lots of interest in another Senior Center cruise - this time to the Carribean. Bon voyage!

Our classes got a jump-start in September. -- All classes are back in full swing. We got the go-ahead to start ceramics again after a clean bill of health. We started some new groups - a singing group, a band, and a World Religions class.

We are getting bids for our air conditioning. And we're going to get new carpeting in the two rooms - library and craft room. Somehow between last spring and now, the carpet for the hallway was deleted from the budget. Our flea market is October 20th and is coming along well. We have sold 25 tables so far for this event. On October 25th, we will have Halloween party with a country band.. Start time is 10:30, and we'll eat after their performance. On November 9th, we'll be having a breakfast to honor the Veterans. We hope the Commissioners will be able to attend both of these events.

Our quilt this year, *Whistle Stops*, was a real hit at the Big E. Not only did we take first place in our category, but for the first time, we received a prestigious award: Hands Across the Valley Quilt Guild, Special Sponsor Award for Outstanding Creativity and Craftsmanship. We will be selling raffle tickets on the quilt at our annual craft fair, 16 and 17 November. We also have attorneys from Cohen and Wolf coming to assist Seniors with their legal questions.

The average number of people per day for the month of September was 103. We mailed out over 1100 newsletters and distributed another 500 by hand.

Trips:

Dec. 6 th	Spinning Wheel Christmas Show and Luncheon	
Dec TBD 18 th	Mohegan Sun	\$0 ⁰⁰
Jan 15, 16	UConn Basketball	
Mar. 4-5, 2008	Philadelphia Flower Show	\$199 & up
April 16, 2008	"Buddy The Buddy Holly Story"	\$75
May 19 th	Springfield International Tattoo	\$74
Nov. 6, 2008	"The Producers"	\$75

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Oles - Director, Bethel Senior Center

COMMISSION ON AGING REPORT –
OCTOBER 15, 2007

I am currently taking winter heating assistance applications for Bethel residents aged 65+ in my office. First I am taking those who heat with oil so that they can get deliveries. Later, after the holidays, I will take applications for those who heat with utilities.

I am also in the process of interviewing seniors and families who would like to receive holiday food baskets and gift cards. There is a big increase in the number of requests once again this year.

We were able to use some of our private funds from the Community Council of Bethel to help defray the cost of hearing aids for a Bethel senior. Today I am requesting help from the Salvation Army to pay for uncovered hospital expenses for another elderly Bethel woman.

The food pantry, which is used, by both families and seniors is always in need of donations.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathleen Gillen

Bethel Municipal Agent for the Elderly