



COMMISSION ON AGING

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The meeting of the Commission on Aging for February 9, 2009 was called to order at 2:31 P.M. by Chairman, Al Barney.

Members present: Chairman Al Barney, Treasurer Lou Walsh, Municipal Agent Kathleen Gillen, Asst. Director Heather Rogalski, Commissioner Barbara Negri, Commissioner Mary O'Leary and Commissioner Jim Newell.

Minutes from the meeting of January 12, 2008 were distributed and accepted as read.

Municipal Agent's Report: Distributed and accepted as read.

Director's Report: Distributed by Assistant Director Heather Rogalski and accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: Distributed and accepted as read.

Old Business: Chairman Al Barney inquired about the aerobics and swimming program that was discussed at last month's meeting. Asst. Director Heather Rogalski reported the YMCA's Silver Sneakers program that is available to seniors may be covered by Medicare (Medigap) and can swim free.

New Business: Assistant Director Heather Rogalski submitted the Annual Budget Request FY 2009-2010 which was read and discussed. Chairman Al Barney stated he will be attending the Finance Board meeting Tuesday night. He stated that the Commissioners were welcome to attend.

Miscellaneous (Good of the Order): None

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. by Chairman Barney. Next scheduled meeting is Monday, March 9, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay H. Visconti
Secretary, Commission on Aging

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Commissioners' Report February 9, 2009

Happy Valentine's Day and Presidents' Day. We have been busy getting estimates for our new T.V. and audio systems equipment. The town is waiting for one more quote, which we should get this week.

Our new carpet should be installed by now. If not, it will be done this week. Next we will order our new bench for outside and some new chairs for the library.

Our New Year/Valentine Party is planned for this Friday, February 13, at 11:15. The DJ will play from 11:30 am until 2 pm. We are going to have appetizers and Champaign, dancing, lunch and more entertainment. We are going to celebrate everything. Cost \$10. There is even a snow date in the bulletin just in case (Feb 20th).

The AARP Tax Aide program started on February 4th. They are going to be able to help 9-10 people per week until April 15th. We are already signing up people for February 18th & 25th.

Patricia Campbell, a country-dance instructor, will take the place of Culver Griffin. She can do all types of country-dance, such as square, contra, and colonial. This will be a nice chance for those who are taking this class, because it will be like Culver's in some ways, but there will be new dances to learn, and that is always good for our brains. Patricia started on February 6th. Also, Marty Bishop has volunteered to teach people how to read music. She started on February 4th and already has 3 people.

We distributed 1,900 newsletters last month. We had an average of 78 people per day at the Center. This is a great average for this month considering all the bad weather we have had. Plans are all in place for the Director to go to the NCOA Conference in March. This conference will take place in Las Vegas.

Trips in 2009

Mar. 12	Ace in the Hole-Wearing of the Green - \$73
Mar. 31	Mohegan Sun - \$25
April 15	Monticello - \$27
May 7	Lobsterfest - Platzl Brauhaus - \$70
June 23-25	Summertime in Amish Country - \$379
Aug. 6	Westchester Theatre - Beehive, the 60s Musical - \$80
Oct. 29	Caribbean Cruise - \$1186 and up.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Oles,
Director, Bethel Senior Center

COMMISSION ON AGING REPORT – February 9, 2009

I have been receiving many donations to the food pantry from various sources. I am able to allow families and seniors to take an extra bag when they come.

I am also receiving many requests for help with heating bills from the Operation Fuel program. Unfortunately, although the income guidelines have increased, the asset limits have not. So not that many more households with elderly residents are eligible.

I have noted an increase in requests for help with medical bills from elderly residents, especially with dental bills which are not covered by Medicare. I can only help with up to \$200 due to my very limited funds, but often that is enough to enable the patient to enter into a payment plan with the dentist.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathleen Gillen
Bethel municipal agent for the elderly

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MEETING AGENDA

Date March 9, 2009 2.30:p.m.

MEETING PLACE: Clifford Hurgin Municipal Center
Senior Center Conference Room

1. Minutes of last meeting.
2. Report – Bethel Municipal Agent for the Elderly
3. Report - Director, Bethel Senior Center
4. Report - Treasurer
5. Old Business.
6. New Business.
7. Miscellaneous.

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