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The meeting of the Commission on Aging for March 9, 2009 was called to order at 2:32 P.M. by Chairman, Al Barney.

Members present: Chairman Al Barney, Treasurer Lou Walsh, Director Kathy Oles, Commissioner Barbara Negri, and Commissioner Mary O'Leary.

Minutes from the meeting of February 9, 2009 were distributed and accepted as read.

Municipal Agent's Report: None submitted.

Director's Report: Distributed by Director Kathy Oles and accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: Distributed and accepted as read.

Old Business: Chairman Al Barney brought up the subject of preparation of a Senior Center Directory of Services. He submitted a copy of the Ridgefield Senior Center Directory of Services which was perused by the commission members. Chairman Barney also suggested putting a notice in the bulletin asking if anyone is interested in volunteering their time toward this project. Director Kathy Oles suggested using students to help. Commissioner Mary O'Leary suggested using the J.C.'s, etc., to underwrite the project.

New Business: None.

Miscellaneous (Good of the Order): None.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. by Chairman Barney. Next scheduled meeting is Monday, April 13, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay H. Visconti
Secretary, Commission on Aging

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Commissioners' Report March 9, 2009

Thanks to a private donor (BYAA) and the town of Bethel, our new carpet has been installed and it's beautiful. Also, almost all of our audio equipment has been delivered and we just have to figure out how to use it, and we will be all set for a better sound at the BSC. Our new T.V. has been ordered and should be in any day. Next, I am going to get a new bench for outside and have the pool table moved to the cafeteria. The funding for these two projects will come from our private donor. The town also installed new windows along the outside of our three classrooms. In the thumbs down department, my trip to the National Council on Aging Conference was cancelled because the Town is freezing all the accounts that have to do with travel, although the Town has already paid for the conference.

During the month of February, we had several events occur. Our largest was our very successful Valentines Party on February 13th. The D. J., Bob Schmidt, was one of the best we have ever had. All the food was delicious. We are so fortunate to have Heather, Ana and Marie to help organize and carry out these events. AARP Tax Aide program started on February 4th. So far, it has been a sellout as far as appointments go. The second week the IRS audited them. An agent sat in the hallway and went over many of the returns. This program should be able to help more than 100 people.

Six Seniors just finished our computer course and another group of 8 are ready to start on March 20th. We are very grateful to Bob Baron and Gloria Hutchinson for volunteering to run these classes. Patricia Campbell, the country-dance instructor who took over for Culver, has fit in to our program very nicely. We usually have 16 or more Senior that come to dance. Also, Adele Moros has completed a six-week class in watercolor with 12 Seniors attending.

We distributed 1,900 newsletters last month. We had an average of 99 people per day at the Center during the month of February. We are starting a new class today called **Zumba Gold**. It is actually an exercise class with a Latin flavor. Several of our Seniors have been asking me to start this class.

We are going to hold a Tea Party on April 3rd, and our annual Card Party will be on May 1st. One sad note, Anne Hoitko, a very active member of the Bethel Senior Center for over 24 years, passed away on March 6th.

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