



BETHEL SENIOR CENTER

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COMMISSION ON AGING
1 SCHOOL STREET
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The meeting of the Commission on Aging for September 14, 2009 was called to order at 2:40 P.M. by Chairman, Al Barney.

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

Minutes from the meeting of June 8, 2009 were distributed and accepted as read.

Municipal Agent's Report: None submitted.

Director's Report: Distributed and accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: Distributed and accepted as read.

Old Business: Treasurer Lou Walsh reported progress on the preparation of the Bethel Senior Center Directory has been good and it is ready for editing by our Assistant Director Heather Rogalski. Printing of 500 to 1,000 copies was estimated and printing fees were addressed. Chairman Al Barney gave accolades to the committee, (Gail Hilton, Mary O'Leary and Lou Walsh), for their hard work and dedication toward the preparation of the directory. "Bravo."

New Business: Director Oles met with a representative of Bailey & Johnson Architects, Farmington, CT. He toured the Senior Center and stated he would create a plan and study for renovation of the space for a \$5,000 fee. Director Oles is investigating a Small City Grant from the State for funding of said fee. Director Oles stated she will be making more appointments with other architecture firms also.

Miscellaneous (Good of the Order): None.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m. by Chairman Barney. Next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, October 13, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay H. Visconti
Secretary, Commission on Aging

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Commissioners' Report September 14, 2009

Welcome to the Fall! We had a great Summer this year. Over 120 attended our Picnic and we sold over 25 tables for our summer Tag Sale. We had a lot of fun at the Senior Stars karaoke party at which we picked two finalist, Carol Hall and Vito Gesualdi, and one alternate, Al Barney, to go on to the semi-finals. On July 31st, we celebrated Grandparents day and had a great time with Peter Toma, a juggler. The children really enjoyed him.

During the summer, we also went on several trips including Foxwoods, The Essex Railroad, Westchester Playhouse, and Lady Katharine on the Connecticut River. These all went well, except for the playhouse where they switched plays on us and there were mixed feelings about the performance.

Quite a few events are happening in September. On September 3rd, a SweetHART Bus representative came to talk about the changes to the services. We participated, September 10th, in a Wii bowling tournament with Danbury, Watertown and Monroe. This was a lot of fun; Danbury is going on to the finals. Richard Clark cancelled on Friday, September 11, and will be rescheduled for December 4th, to perform a one-man show on Ernest Hemingway. On September 22, the Public Power and Utilities of Brookfield will be here to talk about saving money on your electric bill. Adele Moros will be starting a new Watercolors class. We will also be going to Mohegan Sun and the Big E.

We distributed 1,900 newsletters twice over the summer months. Visiting the Center, we had an average of 92 people per day in June, and average of 80 people per day in July and an average of 85 people per day in August. These are great numbers, considering that a number of our teachers were on vacation or took the summer off. The evening AARP Driving course on July 20th and 21st was a great success. Over 20 people completed the course. We are one of the few Centers that offer this evening session. Starting September 1st, we are requiring everyone who comes to the Center or travels with us to register with us by simply filling out a form with name, address, birth date, phone number, e-mail address, emergency number and comments about the Center.

Trips in 2009

Sept 15	Mohegan Sun-\$25 Sold Out
Sept.29	Big- E- \$36-Sold Out
Oct. 7	42 nd Street musical at Westchester Theater-\$80
Oct. 29	Caribbean Cruise - \$1186 and up.
Nov.12	Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition-\$79
Dec.3?	Spinning Wheel Christmas show - \$56

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Oles
Director Bethel Senior Center