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The meeting of the Commission on Aging for March 8, 2010 was called to order at 2:35 pm by Chairman Al Barney. At 2:55 pm Chairman Barney handed the chair to Commissioner O'Leary.

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

Minutes from the meetings of January 11 and February 8, 2010 were distributed. A motion was made to accept the reports by Commissioner Negri and seconded by Chairman Barney.

Municipal Agent's Report: Distributed by Municipal Agent Gillen. A motion to accept the report was made by Commissioner O'Leary and seconded by Commissioner Negri.

Director's Report: Distributed by Director Oles. Motion to accept was made by Commissioner O'Leary and seconded by Treasurer Walsh.

Treasurer's Report: Distributed by Treasurer Walsh. Motion to accept was made by Commissioner Negri and seconded by Commissioner O'Leary.

Old Business: Chairman Barney and Director Oles met with First Selectman Knickerbocker a second time regarding our interest in the Visiting Nurses' office space. No new information reported. A motion was made by Commissioner O'Leary to ask Chairman Barney to contact Bethel Food Market regarding the status of our request to fund the printing of the directory.

New Business: Commissioner Menti stated the need for new signs at Reynolds Ridge. A discussion followed and it was suggested the commission should get in touch with the Housing Authority.

Miscellaneous (Good of the Order): None.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm by Acting Chairman O'Leary. Next scheduled meeting is Monday, April 12, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay H. Visconti
Secretary, Commission on Aging

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Commissioners' Report March 8, 2010

It's great to have the month of February finally over with. We had many cancellations, delays and a very interesting trip to Syracuse and back that I don't think anyone will forget for a very long time. My daughter had a beautiful baby boy (Teddy) on January 12. Everyone is doing fine and no I didn't miss the snow and cold in Hawaii.

Our Valentine Party had over 75 people attending. Once again Bob Mel and Karen Wagner were very entertaining. Heather made a wonderful lunch and everyone had a great time. The AARP tax aide program is going very well. We have a new group of Volunteers this year and they are terrific. They are able to accommodate about 20 seniors each week. We also had our budget hearing on February 25th. Al and I both felt it went well. I also received another call from the architects Baily & Johnson. They were wondering where we stand with the senior Center plans for a renovation.

Coming up in March, we have representatives coming on March 9th to speak about Alzheimer's and Dementia and on March 23 to talk about Roth IRA's. Both programs start at 10:30am. We are also going to start a movie Matinee Day on the last Monday of the month. The first movie we are going to show is **Julie & Julia** (Show time at 1pm). Also coming up, there will be a Tea Party on April 9 to celebrate Spring. Hurry!

During the month of February, 1700 newsletters were distributed, among mailings, deliveries to Bishop Curtis and Reynolds Ridge, and those distributed at the Senior Center. We were closed 6 days due to the weather and holidays. Visiting the Center, we had an average of 84 people per day, which was great considering all the cancellations we have had.

Trips in 2010

March 11	Dublin's Irish cabaret at Chez Josef-cost \$82
March 27	Big Band Concert -\$38
April 19	Ellis Island-Statue of Liberty-\$61
May 17	Culinary Institute of America-\$94
May 25	Monticello-\$25
June 8 - 10	Atlantic City-\$229, twin, \$339, single
June 24	<i>Sugar</i> at the Westchester -\$77
July 7	Shadows on the Hudson winery tour - \$117
August 19	Whale watch from Boston - \$97

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Oles,
Director Bethel Senior Center

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John Sarver and I are still taking heating assistance applications for both the federal and private programs. There hasn't been as big a demand as last year when the income limits were temporarily raised.

The food pantry is starting to get skimpy now that the Xmas donations are almost used up. I taped a television show last week to see if that will bring in some more donations.

Some older residents who borrowed against their home equity during the boom times are starting to come in for help now that the value of the home has dropped off. Of course I don't have any funds to help them.

I was able to team up with the Salvation Army service unit to pay for a car repair for an elderly woman so she can get to work.

Respectfully Submitted,



KATHLEEN GILLEN