

**Elderly Commission  
Regular meeting  
December 12, 2017  
Oxford Senior Center**

**Present:** Pat Babbage, Sue DeScheen, Connie Koskelowski, Marilyn Serus, Joyce Niesemski, Joan Brown, Betty Andrews

**1 Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance.**

- Meeting called to order by Chairman Joyce Niesemski with a pledge of allegiance and a prayer at 9:30 am.

**2. Amendments to the agenda: None**

**3. Audience of Citizens Tom Giacchi**

**4 Review and Approval of Minutes:**

- A correction under old business regarding the temperature in the pool room. The word bet should be changed to get. Motion made by Connie Koskelowski and seconded by Betty Andrews, Motion carried unanimously.

**5 Correspondence: None**

**6 • Municipal Agents Report:**

January 2018- we are getting a .3 percent in monthly benefits. Those who are new to Medicare will pay a monthly premium of \$134. The retirement age is going to increase. People born between 1943 and 1954, full retirement age is 66 years of age. People born in 1955, the full retirement age will increase to 66 years and 2 months

- December report- Ct budget is making cuts to Medicare Savings Program. Those earning less than 211 percent of the Federal poverty level or \$25,067 also receive help in paying Medicare copayments, deductibles and prescription drug costs. There is a letter forthcoming to see where you stand in the program. There will be a 2.0 percent increase in their social security.
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**7 Director's Report:**

- As of November 1<sup>st</sup> our membership was 1101. We had 1771 event sign-ins during November.
- During the month of November we transported 229 people, 50 of which were wheelchair bound and completed 227 trips, 57 trips were medical, 49 to the center, 5 shopping 3 recreational and 7 persons.
- The stove and oven were cleaned by TransClean as mandated by our fire inspection. Our alarm system was tested and passed.
- Jim Hlivan and Jeff Haney have instructed Pat to go ahead with the new HVAC Zone in the billiard room and to use the money in our Facility Maintenance budget line item.
- We received a donation of \$200.00 from Jane E, Weiss Family Foundation directed by Rudy Danowski
- Pat will be working a 40 hr. week instead of the 32 hour week she will be working 5 days a week in January.

- There will be a change in the way we celebrate birthdays beginning January 2018. We will be celebrating monthly birthdays on the last hot dog lunch of each month. During the month of their birthday the members should enter their name in our "Birthday Box". At the last hot dog lunch of the month a name will be drawn as the winner of \$10 prize and a birthday cake will be served.

8 **Budget Review:**

- Budget coming up so input can be shared with Pat
- Hours have been expanded for drivers
- Pat will get quote for outside painting of building and inside walls
- Membership is growing so maybe we should think of expanding building

9. **Old business:**

- Use of building- Tom Giacchi went to grant writer and the grant states that the building cannot be used for anything but senior activities. Garden club members need to over 60 years old
- Christmas party- everyone had a great time, entertainment was very good, 230 people attended. Question was raised- should we have a raffle? Should it be a separate table and have last call before dinner starts, nice entertainment- went around to all tables. Booked Great Oak Villa for next year for December 6, 2018

10. **New Business:**

- Elderly commission meets the second Tuesday of every month in the library so no other activities should be scheduled in this room at this time
- Free table- some items are not presentable and should not be on the free table
- Did we consider a gift tree for children in need, crafters are making hats for cancer

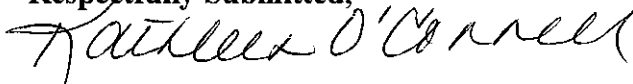
11. **Other Business:**

- Marilyn Serus' last meeting was today. It was a pleasure having her on the commission, her was very valuable and you can always count on her, she will be missed and we wish her well,
- POW flag is hanging up outside

12. **Adjournment:**

- Meeting adjourned at 10:40am with a motion made by Marilyn Serus with a second by Sue DeScheen. Motion carried unaminisoully.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathleen O'Connell  
Clerk

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