

Elderly Commission
Regular meeting
October 9, 2018
9:30 am
Oxford Senior Center

Present: Pat Babbage, Sue Desheen, Connie Koslowski, Joyce Niestemski, Jean Brown, Betty Andrews,
Absent: Hank Rotzal

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

- Meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance and a prayer at 9:30am

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

3. **Audience of Citizens**

- Tom Giacchi

4 **Review and Approval of Minutes...**

- Minutes were accepted with a motion made by Sue DeScheen and a second by Connie Koskelowski. Motion carried unanimously.

5 **Correspondence:**

- None

6 **Municipal Agents Report:**

- Questions from seniors turning 65.
- **Medicare Part A:** When you turn 65, you are automatically enrolled in Medicare Part A which covers hospitalization costs. In most cases this doesn't cost you anything if you have worked and reached your 30 quarters, if not, then you will pay a premium of up to \$422 each month but the standard premium is \$232. You do not have to enroll in Part A at 65. If you are still working and have insurance through your employer, hospital costs can be billed to your work insurance depending on your employer's policy and your benefits package
- **Medicare Part B** covers medical costs like doctor visits, medical tests, medical tests, outpatient therapy and durable medical equipment, but does not include prescription drug costs. If you are turning 65 or going to retire, you must apply three months prior to the month you turn age 65 or during open enrollment periods. There is a monthly premium for Medicare Part B. The standard amount for 2018 is \$134 but may vary depending on your income.
- **Medicare Part D:** drug coverage. You can choose separate Drug plan or you can choose a Medicare Advantage Plan that offers a health plan and drug coverage all in one

Director's Report:

- As of September 28th our membership for 2018 was 1070. We had 1828 event sign-ins during August.
- Pound Fitness demo was very well received and a regular class will begin October 9, 2018
- We transported 151 people, 21 of which were wheelchair bound and completed 161 trips, 33 trips were medical, 44 to the center, 5 shopping, 1 recreational, 2 personal and 4 vehicle maintenance.
- We received the okay to be the recipient of the Lowes Hardware Store Hero program. Joyce and Pat will meet with the Manager and Assistant Manager today. They have agreed to replace the carpets in the Billiard Room and Poker Room with tile and paint the walls. We are very lucky to receive this gift.

- 8 **Budget Review:**
- Pat presented the budget report and the Annual report

9. **Old business:**
- Trying to get another car, Kathy O'Neil is working on a grant
 - Coffee pot is working good
 - Cleaning- many complaints. Purchased a Swiffer to clean bathrooms. Front hall should be cleaned every day with the leaves being brought in every day.
 - Sign up- **Payment is due at time of sign up.** Cannot call in and then come in to pay. Only people who do not drive can call in to sign up. Can only sign up on designated sign up date.
 - Food delivery is still a problem. People rushing to table in a very disorderly way.

10. **New Business:**
- Food management- Pat attended program and she will be certified. There are very strict regulations. Everything needs to be sanitized and have to have a spray available. Tables need to be wiped down every time and everything needs to be disinfected
 - Crafts Fair- November 3 at the Oxford Center School. Many items are being made by volunteers

11. **Other Business:**
- None

12. **Adjournment:**
- Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 with a motion by Connie Koskelowski and seconded by Betty Andrews. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen O'Connell

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Clerk

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