

**Elderly Commission  
Regular meeting  
November 13, 2018  
9:30 am  
Oxford Senior Center**

**Present:** Sue DeScheen, Connie Koskelowski, Joyce Niestemski, Hank Rotzal, Pat Babbage,  
Betty Andrews, Jean Brown

**Absent:**

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

- Meeting was called to order by Chairman Joyce Niestemski with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

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

3.     **Audience of Citizens :**None

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

Motion was made to accept minutes with a motion by Connie Koskelowski and a second by Betty Andrews. Motion carried unanimously

5     **Correspondence:** None

6     **Municipal Agents Report:**

- Good News for 2019. Social Security will get a 2.8% cost of living adjustment. It will begin in 2019. The “average” individual retiree social security benefit is expected to see a monthly benefit from \$1,422 with an increase of \$1,461. The estimate monthly increase is \$39 or \$468 a year. Another change is people who turn 62 in 2019 will need to wait until an older retirement age in order to claim their full retirement benefit. Full retirement benefits for those born in 1956 is 66 and 4 months, in 1957 it 66 and 6 months. The full retirement age will increase 12 months over the next two years until it reaches age 67 for everyone born in 1960 or later. For those who continue to work and collect social security will be allowed to earn up to \$17,460 in 2019 before a benefit is withheld for every \$2 dollar earned above the limit. In the year you reach full retirement age the earnings limit climbs to \$46,920 up \$1,560 from 2018.

**Director’s Report:**

- .As of October 10<sup>th</sup> our membership for 2018 was 1091. We are now starting with 2019 registration. We had 2058 event sign-ins during October.
- Brain exercises. We tried a morning time slot, but afternoons seem to work better. We will resume again after the holidays.
- Our Halloween Hot Dog Lunch went well as we had only 6 members in costume, but it was fun and we handed out 3 prizes,
- Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon- 50 members were honored
- We transported 199 people, 13 of which were wheelchair bound and completed 199 trips, 35 were medical, 50 to the center, 6 shopping, 4 recreational, 7 personal and 0 vehicle maintenance.
- Loew’s Hero Project was completed and looks beautiful. The Loew’s employees were wonderful to work with. They were friendly and helpful. We had the pool table re-leveled, but just minor adjustments were needed, cost was \$275.00

- The front automatic door was repaired on September 20<sup>th</sup> with a new motor being installed at a cost of \$995. On October 25<sup>th</sup> the door was making the same grinding sound, a new motor must have been defective and needs to be replaced. The part was ordered and the door repaired on October 31<sup>st</sup> at no cost.
- We have two college students who are working at the center. Chelsea Alvarez will give a one- time presentation about depression and mindfulness to fulfill a class requirement on November 5<sup>th</sup> and Marie Kosal is an RN who will be here for about 30 hours as part of her community service learning experience.

8 **Budget Review:**

- We are in good shape

9. **Old business:**

- There is still a problem with people taking out food from lunches. There is to be **NO** food taken from the center.
- Reservations- people should not pay ½ price for a meal after everyone has finished eating. Must pay full price and have a reservation.
- Food Preparation- Judy Prager is scheduled to come in January to instruct anyone who wants to work in the kitchen should attend.
- Craft Fair- did fairly well

10. **New Business:**

- There are signs in the pool room and poker room that there is NO food in either room
- On the last trip the bus waited 45 minutes for one person, this is unacceptable. Please **BE ON TIME**.
- Connie brought in "Once N Done"

11. **Other Business:** none

12. **Adjournment:**

- Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 with a motion by Susan DeScheen and a second by Betty Andrews. Motion carried unanimously.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Kathleen O'Connell*

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Clerk

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TOWN OF STAFFORD, CT  
*Shirley H. Clark*  
TOWN CLERK