

Elderly Commission
Regular meeting
December 12, 2018
9:30 am
Oxford Senior Center

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

Absent: Hank Rotzal

1 Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance

- Meeting was called to order by Chairman Joyce Niestemski with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer at 9:30.

2. Amendments to the agenda: None

3. Audience of Citizens :

- Tom Giacchi stated that the timing of the lunch overlapped with the lunch.

4. Review and Approval of Minutes...

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

5 Correspondence: None

6 Municipal Agents Report:

- Medicare Part A and B Premiums and deductibles for 2019. Medicare Part B covers physician and outpatient services, etc. The standard monthly premium for Medicare Part B enrollees will be \$135.50 for 2019, a slight increase from \$134 in 2018. The annual deductible for Medicare Part beneficiaries is \$725 in 2019, an increase from \$183 in 2018.
- Medicare Part A covers inpatient hospital, skilled nursing facilities and some home health services. The Medicare Part A deductible that beneficiaries will pay when admitted to the hospital is \$1364. In 2019. An increase of \$24 from \$1340 in 2018. So stay healthy and don't spend your 2.8% Social Security increase all in one place.

Director's Report:

- We are starting with 2019 registration. We had 1622 event sign-ins during November... The center was closed 2 ½ days for Thanksgiving.
- November trips-
 - Bahamas Cruise – 15 travelers
 - Mohegan Sun-21 members
 - A Salute to Veterans- 34 passengers
 - Branson MO- 20 passengers
 - CT Science Center Adult Coffee Club-6 passengers
 - Goodspeed Opera- The Drowsy Chaperone- 20 passengers
 - Seven Angels Theatre- Ripcord- 30 passengers
- November Events:
 - Bell Choir Performance and Pizza Lunch-29 members
 - Lunch and learn-Bone and Joint Care MD panel-30 members
 - The Importance of Mindfulness-25 members
 - Bingo-45 members
 - Foot clinics- two days-20 members
 - TEAM Lunches- two days-33 members
 - Thanksgiving Luncheon-90 members

- Vehicles:
 - We transported 201 people, 9 of which were wheelchair bound and completed 167 trips, 31 trips were medical, 42 to the center, 5 shopping, 4 recreational, 4 personal and 1 vehicle maintenance.
- Facility Updates
 - We had another leak in the ceiling of the kitchen and Diamond Rosa came to look at the leaking areas and has put a proposal together to submit to the town for repairing the problem.
 - The septic tank was cleaned on Nov 26th by New England Septic & Excavating
 - The stove, oven and hood was cleaned by TransClean on Nov 27th
 - Heritage Water conducted its back flow test on Nov 27th which we passed with no problems
 - We had a small leak in one of the toilets that was repaired by Vaivaoda Plumbing & Heating.

8 **Budget Review:**

- We are in good shape
- The Merry Old Christmas at Jimmies brought in \$399.
- The raffle at Christmas Party brought in \$672.
- The craft fair brought in \$389.

9. **Old business:**

- Christmas Party- was a great success, musician went from table to table and music for dancing was great, Grand Oak Villa is a great place and will book for next year
- Bingo- special bingo for December some people were trying to reorganize. Question came up- Are they members? How could we check to see if they are members
- Should anyone be in the kitchen when people are cooking? They should knock on the door
- There should be **NO FOOD** in the poker room
- The following are guidelines for campaigning
 1. Candidates for office are invited to visit the Oxford Senior Center providing the visit time has been scheduled in advance with the Center's Director or designee.
 2. No written or printed material will be allowed to be distributed during visit.
 3. No public address will be allowed; candidates may circulate to meet and greet participants one on one
 4. No political commercials or filming is allowed inside the Center during operating hours.
 5. All filed candidates for elected office are welcome to make an appointment to tour the center and meet staff and center leaders.
 6. Candidates may not disrupt scheduled activities at the center
 7. Candidates can leave up to three pieces of literature or souvenirs to be made available for members
 8. Employees will not use Senior Center property for political use.
 9. No employee shall be ordered or required to participate in political activities nor shall the employee be penalized in any way for refusing such an order or requirement as stated in the Town of Oxford Employee handbook.

10. **New Business:**
- " With many activities going on there people coming in and some going out and there is much confusion. People should stay out while another activity is going on. Doors will not be opened until 15 minutes before activity. People can wait in the computer room or library.
11. **Other Business:**
- .Pat is having a meeting with AARP regarding in January regarding taxes.
12. **Adjournment:**
- Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 with a motion by Betty Andrews and a second by Connie Koskelowski. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathleen O'Connell
Clerk

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TOWN OF OXFORD, CT
Patricia A. West
TOWN CLERK