

Elderly Commission
Regular meeting
March 12, 2019
9:30 am
Oxford Senior Center

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

Absent: Jean Brown

- 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** None
 - 4 **Review and Approval of Minutes...**

Under old business- back doors needs to be added to "pat will call to have them fixed". Motion made by Hank Rotzal with a second by Betty Andrews. Motion was passed unanimously
 - 5 **Correspondence:**
 - None
 - 6 **Municipal Agents Report:**
 - Last year Governor Malloy proposed to change the income limits for the **Medicare Savings Program** concerning low income seniors and that would have eliminated many seniors from this program. After noisy protests, the subject was temporarily bypassed in the budget process. There are approximately 180,000 seniors on this program. This year, Governor Lamont is bringing it again but he is not changing the monthly income limits but wants to implement an "**Asset test** for this program. What this means is that your assets, (ie.the balance that you have in your savings accounts, CD's, IRA's, annuities, etc.) will also be counted. Eligibility would include an asset cap off \$7,730 for individuals and \$11,600 for couples. Approximately 18,000 seniors would be removed from this program saving the state \$25.6 million. The current **income limit** per month is \$2,196 for individuals and \$2,973 for couples including social security, monthly pension, 401K, IRA and annuity distributions etc. If the Asset test passes it will go into effect July 2020. We will definitely have to keep an eye on this one and I will try to keep you updated.
- Director's Report:**
- As of April 4th we had 1005 members. We had 1920 event sign-ins during March. We had 1 snow day where programs were cancelled/
 - March Events
 - AARP Tax Preparation. They will be here every Wednesday until April 10th
 - St. Patrick's Day Luncheon- 95 members
 - Hearing Screening was cancelled this month
 - Computer Class 13 members
 - Pasta Lunch- 37 members
 - OHS Game Day 12 members
 - Bingo -54 members
 - Nutrition Presentation -17members
 - Chalk Talk Movie -15 members
 - Probate Judge Presentation -27 members

- Exercise classes continue to be filled
- Vehicles:
 - We transported 181 people, 24 of which were wheelchair bound. We completed 135 trips, 26 trips were medical, 35 to the center, 4 shopping, 5 recreational, 4 personal, and 1 vehicle maintenance. The body work on the 20 passenger bus was repaired.
- Facility Updates:
 - The lock on the outside patio door was changed by Calvert. Cost: \$388.00
- The faucet in the men's room was replaced and the handicapped toilet was repaired.
- Other Business
 - Sign up for your massage! We will begin to offer massages on April 23rd. Anthony Marini, a licensed massage therapist, will be offering a 30 minute massage for \$25.00. We already have members signed up.

8 **Budget Review:**

- Joyce Niestemski and Pat Babbage attended the Finance Meeting for the upcoming budget
- Special Account: trips are not filling up as much

9. **Old business:**

- Health Fair-
 - The health fair will be May 16th and is open to the public. We have many vendors.
 - Massage therapist- session is full
 - Lock was changed on the patio door
 - Grill was the best investment

10. **New Business:**

- Rooms need painting- should we look into someone to do job
- On days we have lunch- should we stop making coffee until the time of the lunch.
New
- Policy- 3 pots decaf and 1 regular. Coffee will be shut off at 11:00 until lunch starts
- Sign up not until 9:00 regardless of which time you come in
- There will be no bread on days of luncheon

11. **Other Business:** none

- None

12. **Adjournment:**

- Meeting adjourned with a motion by Hank Rotzal with a second by Sue DeScheen.
Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen O'Connell

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Clerk

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