

**Elderly Commission
Regular meeting
January 14, 2020
9:30 am
Oxford Senior Center**

Present: Larry Morgan, Sue DeScheen, Rae Bailey, Joyce Niestemski, 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:** Heather Haney

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

- Motion was made by Sue DeScheen with a second by Betty Andrews

5 **Correspondence:**

- We received a check from Jane Weisz for \$100.00. A thank you note was sent to the organization

6 **Municipal Agents Report:**

- The State of Connecticut is not funding the **"Homeowner's Tax Relief Program"** years, most homeowners would also have been eligible for the **Tax Relief Program** from the State and **the Town of Oxford**. Since the State of Connecticut is not funding this program, you will **only** receive the **Homeowner's Rebate from the Town of Oxford**. Income requirements for single homeowners is \$37,000. For married couples the income limit is \$45,000. Income from both husband and wife must be counted in establishing qualifying income for married couples.
- Due to revaluation this year, the Assessor's Office will be extremely busy and they will not be able to schedule appointments prior to March 1, 2020 for this Homeowner's Program, nor will they be able to take walk-ins. You **must** make an appointment, for information regarding the Homeowner's program prior to make an appointment, call Joyce Eades in the Assessor's Office at 203-888-2543 ext 3068. The Assessor's Office will assist you in what you must bring with you to file for this program. **Deadline** for filing for the **homeowner's Program** is May 15.

Director's Report:

- 2020 membership renewals are going strong. We had 1203 event sign-in during the month of December. Transportation was cancelled 2 days this month due to inclement weather. We were also closed 2 days for Christmas.

DECEMBER TRIPS:

- Motor Coach- no Casino in December
- Senior Center Bus- 31 members to the Christmas Party at Grand Oak Villa
- Senior Center Bus- community Holiday Lunch at Emmett O'Brien- 5 members
- Senior Center Bus- The Bell Choir to Active Day Care in Middlebury for a performance
- Senior Center Bus-The Oxford Senior Singers to Glendale Nursing facility in Naugatuck for a performance.

DECEMBER EVENTS

- Team Lunches- 15 members, one lunch was cancelled due to weather
- Holiday Bingo – 73 members
- Foot Clinics – 15 members
- Trim-A tree & Choral Performance- 20 members(low attendance due to weather)
- Hearing Screenings-Monthly screening was not scheduled for December.
- Foot Clinic- 8 members – held only 1 day due to holidays
- Christmas Party Offsite at Grand Oak Villa -212 members
- Message Therapy – 3 members
- Probate Judge Presentation –Cancelled due to weather
- Many normally scheduled programs are cancelled during December due to the Holidays
- We received \$327.50 in from the fund raiser, Holly Jolly Christmas at Jimmies, led by Lyn Chesinas held on 12-1-19. Total profit after expenses was \$278.00 the date had to be changed due to weather so there were some cancellations which decreased the amount raised.

VEHICLES

We transported 148 people, 10 of which were wheelchair bound, we completed 154 trips, 31 trips were medical, 19 to the center, 7 shopping, 5 recreational, 17 personal and 2 vehicle maintenance (Oil Changes)

FACILITY UPDATES

The sump well pump project was started, but not completed to date. Some parts had to be ordered. The work is being performed by American Petroleum equipment & Construction Co., Walden, NY

It has been my pleasure to work with all the members of the Elderly Commission, your support and advice has helped me to do my job better. I wish you all a very happy and healthy 2020.

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Budget Review:

- Nothing to report

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Old business:

- January trip to the Casino is going
- Patio- will wait until Spring
- Discussion –participation from Oxford residents and out of town will address in the future. Motion to leave sign up as is and discuss it at a later date made by Sue4 DeScheen and Seconded by Rae Bailey.

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New Business:

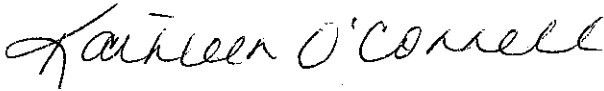
- The exercise class person gave a complimentary class and it was decided that we would pay \$50 once a week. Tai Chi and pound fitness have cancelled.
- Complaint about the kitchen cabinets not working. Will look into getting them repaired
- If someone cancels lunch and there is no wait list, the money will not be returned.
- The newsletter needs to be continued, Joyce will look into this
- Discussion on what happens with supplies and food without director

- Valentine lunch is Stuffed filet of sole with Oxford House Tavern catering
- Any changes should be brought to Elderly Commission
- It was decided that we would charge \$5.00 for Mother's Day. Motion made by Betty Andrews with a second by Larry Morgan.
- Volunteer lunch is by invitation
- Motion to adjourn at 10.30 by Rae Bailey with a second by Betty Andrews

11. **Other Business:**

12. **Adjournment:**

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathleen O'Connell
Clerk

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TOWN OF OXFORD, CT
Angela H. Whit
TOWN CLERK