

Elderly Commission
May 11, 2021
Oxford Senior Center

Present: Rae Bailey, Hank Rotzal, Joyce Niestemski, Betty Andrews, Heather Haney, Sue DeScheen

Absent: Larry Morgan

- 1 **Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance** Meeting was called to order at by chairperson Joyce Niestemski with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer at 9:30am
2. **Amendments to the agenda:** None
3. **Audience of Citizens**
 - Jerry Davino came to give a presentation on the pool table quote from Encore Billiards & Gameroom, Inc and it was decided to accept the quote and schedule an appointment for them to have everything done
- 4 **Review and Approval of Minutes:**
 - None
- 5 **Correspondence:**
 - Oxford Middle School Principal Anthony Hibbert, would like to know if we will continue to support the end of year 8th grade student awards for internet ceremony.
- 6 **Municipal Agents Report:**
 - I recently read an article where the Federal Government sent us a warning concerning a Covid-19 scam where once again they are trying to steal our identifying information. The Department of Justice warned of scam artists that are testing and emailing people around the country offering them gifts such as iPads, in exchange for taking surveys about their experiences with the vaccinations. To receive the prize you only have to pay shipping and handling fees for the gifts. Of course, this is paid by credit card. They charge your account for the shipping and handling but you never receive your gifts. The Department of Justice warns us to never click on texts or emails that promise free gifts. Remember, the old saying, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably isn't true! I know we are all excited to share our experiences getting our vaccines but know who are sharing your information with and never a stranger. Authorities ask us to report any suspicious Covid-19 vaccination messages to the National Center for Disaster Fraud by calling 1-866-720-5721 or fill out the center's complaint form online at justice.gov/disaster-fraud.
 - I have also received at least 5 telephone calls this past week informing me that my Amazon account was charged \$320.89. If I did not make this purchase to press one to speak with an Officer. Of course I didn't make this purchase since I don't even have an Amazon account. Just hang up! If you press one they are going to ask you for personal information which we are not going to give them right? Right. I usually don't answer these calls if I don't know but these have been coming through as local telephone numbers. I don't know how they do it but I do know it's illegal. Once again, Just Hang Up! Stay safe and keep your information Safe!
- 7 **Director's Report:**
 - We currently have 829 members to date. The center is open to all members. Out of town members are asked to show a copy of their Covid-19 vaccination cards. An updated log is being kept at the reception desk

UPCOMING PLANNED TRIPS

- Motor Coach- Mohegan Sun Casino trip 5/25/2021 partnering with Derby Sr. Center
- Camp Ladore- August 9-13, 2021 Walmart PA- Drive on own
- Motor Coach- Atlantic City, Cape May, Philadelphia 8-31-9-2-2021
- Motor Coach- Sight and Sound Theatre, Lancaster, PA October 6-8-2021
- Sunny Portugal-November 2-11, 2021, Collette presentation on May 20th
- Panama, Aruba & Costa Rica Cruise- November 6-21, 2022

APRIL EVENTS

- Spring Poem Lunch- 51 members served in house
- Center Café- 23 members attended
- Hearing Screenings- 7 members scheduled, every appointment was filled
- Chili Hot Dog Lunch- approximately 40-50 members & students from the Grateful Vibes Organization were served
- April Movie & Matinee- 24 members attended
- In house & zoom bingo- approximately 40-50 members attend weekly
- Complimentary Chair Reiki by Anne- 8 members scheduled appointments
- Art Virtual Zoom presentation-20 members attended
- Fall presentation sponsored by Care On- 10 members attended
- Butter Lams with Joanne-6 members attended
- In house programs currently offered are several indoor lunch programs, ballroom dancing, bingo, book club, quilting guild, happy hookers, craft group, walking group, billiards, wii bowling, chair reiki, bocce and movie matinees, poker will resume later this month
- Mohegan Sun Casino- 43 members attended
- New England Young At Heart Meal Service continues to grow every Thursday.
- Upcoming Arts & Craft Fair in May – 10 vendors to date plus our center crafters
- The April bocce tournament between senior center members and town hall employees was a great hit. The seniors won every game! Congratulations!

TRANSPORTION AND VEHICLES

Sadly, our transportation Coordinator, Lisa Hellmuer has tendered her resignation due to family matters. Her last day will be Friday May 14th. The town will be posting soon. Rosalie has offered to help out temporarily until a replacement can be found. I will also do what I can to keep our transportation running smoothly. We will miss Lisa. It has truly been a pleasure working with someone as wonderful as her.

FACILITY UPDATES

- Our Public Works Department was kind enough to furnish us with new stone material for the bocce court. They also raked and tamped the court down so that it would be ready in time for our tournament.
- Pioneer Gas removed the large propane tank from kitchen side of center.

8 Budget Review:

- We are in good shape. We will do some transfers.

9. Old business:

- Encore Billiards & gaming- David & Lynne emailed proposal for pool room repairs. Motion made by Hank Rotzal with a second by Betty Andrews. Motion carried unanimously.
- Tracy O'Brien with Marvin Display repaired flagpole at a cost of \$209.00 and recommended NO mulch be placed around base of pole to prevent moisture.
- Brian Pennington with Office Works Inc. installed a new printer. Finance Director Jim Hilda will notify us with new monthly cost soon

- There are 3 groups of high school kids who are doing a fantastic job
- Ted Orr with Yucatec will be installing 2 new computers on Friday, May 14th. One for Director and one for Assistant Director., total cost \$2082.11
- Oxford High School students Braydon Cruella and Sarah Courtney started the "Make a Difference Club" hoping to connect students with seniors. They will be sending birthday cards to seniors and offering virtual iPad beginners classes to interested members.
- Out of town will need to show vaccination, Masks are needed
- We will be bringing back hot dogs on a regular basis starting in June. Will have a signup sheet but pay day of lunch
- Assistant Director job is posted

10. **New Business:**

- Cynthia Soucy, President of Oxford Cultural Arts would like to display local artists works here at the center. They would provide the devices needed to hang the pictures.
- Member Ron Stebar would like to know if senior members would like to participate in the upcoming Memorial Day parade. They could march or perhaps drive a classic car.

11. **Other Business:** none

12. **Adjournment:**

- Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Sue DeScheen and a second by Rae Bailey. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen O'Connell

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Clerk

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TOWN OF OXFORD, CT
Margaret A. West
TOWN CLERK