

Oxford Senior Center
Elderly Commission
February 14, 2023

1. **Call to order/Pledge/Prayer:** Meeting called to order by Joyce Niestemski at 9:30

2. **Amendments:** none

3. **Audience of Citizens:** Catherine Cervera, Karen Schmelzle

- People are not going to the right people to complain
- People think that 3 days is ok
- Sign up problems, flyers should not be on table before in newsletter
- Suggestion- receptionists should have name tags
- Walking group- sign for "no admission" and people talking is very annoying
- Free table- stuff on table for months. Karen has volunteered to clean table once a month
- Craft table is in November and tag sale is in spring
- Motor coach sign up now- need to have 40 passengers to go, \$20.00 for deposit will hold seat, final payment at set date
- Senior Center bus- 20 people- Oxford residents sign up first. Minimum of 10 people
- Receptionists should wear lanyards so people know their names

Review and Approval of minutes: none

5. **Correspondence-**

- Charlie Rippel sent letter in regards to the three day delay for signing up for trips and dinners
- Email from Finance Director Jim Hliva regarding ARPA Funds that could be put towards the purchase of a new bus for the center.

6. **Municipal Agent News:**

- The Medicare Savings Program of CT also known as QMB(Qualified Medicare Beneficiary), SLMB(Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiary), and ALMB(Additional Low Income Medicare Beneficiary) pays for your Medicare Part B Premium if you are eligible. QMB will also pay for your Medicare coinsurance, deductibles and Medicare Part A when needed.
- On March 1st, the Medicare Savings Program changed the qualifying income levels for eligibility. **QMB Eligibility \$2,564 for singles, \$3468 a couple,** (QMB pays your part B Premium and all Medicare deductibles and coinsurance.) **SLMB Eligibility \$2,807 for singles, \$3797 for a couple,** SLMB only pays for your Part b Premium. **Almb \$2,989 for singles, \$4043 a couple.** ALMB only pays Part B premium and is subject to available funds by the State. Couples must include income for both spouses. Examples of income include Social Security, pensions, IRA and annuity distributions, disability benefits, wages, alimony rental income, interest, and dividends.
- For application assistance or questions, call CHOICES at your Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-994-9422. Our Agency is **South Central Area Agency on Aging** or you can call me, I am a Certified Choices Counselor at 203-888-2090. For more information online go to: [www.ct.gov/dss/medicare savings programs](http://www.ct.gov/dss/medicare%20savings%20programs). To apply online, go to www.connect.ct.gov.

7. **Director's Report:**

My heartfelt thanks to everyone who volunteered to help keep the center going during my absence. I sincerely appreciate your hard work, dedication, and love for our center.

The senior center has 652 members to date. As of February 13, 2023 our membership deposits total \$7,402.00

Senior Center Donations Received:

ON December 21, 2022 a \$25.00 check was received from MS. Karan Schmelzlw to be used for our craft room. A thank you note has recently been mailed. The donation check was deposited into our special activities account.

Motor Coach and Extended Trips:

- Nov 6th- Panama Cruise-38 travelers. A commission check in the amount of \$1,394.10 has been received and deposited into our special activities account. Issues regarding the purchase of special packages on this cruise have been resolved. A meeting with Landmark Tours representatives and several disgruntled passengers took place at the center on December 16th. Landmark Tours agreed to reimburse all travelers \$300.00 for any inconvenience they experienced. All passengers are now satisfied.
- California Dreamin- April 10, 2023- 16 travelers. Please note date change
- Italy-October 9, 2023- 8 travelers to date.

Senior Center Bus Trips: December

- Gingerbread Village & Maggie McFly's Restaurant- December 7th- 4 members traveled. Restaurant received a call from a female at our center who canceled our reservation for that day. This odd occurrence remains a mystery.
- Hobby Lobby and Cracker Barrel-December 16th-11 members traveled.
- Lessard Lanes Bowling-December 27th- 6 members traveled.)minimum of 10 passengers in order to travel

December Programs and Events:

- Christmas Party-December 8th-170 members attended. Twelve complimentary meals were provided to Staff, Elderly commission, Drivers and Selectmen. Twenty poinsettias were purchased for tables and raffles at a cost of \$300.00. Total cost-\$73.75-00. Raffle ticket sales totaled \$757.00.
- TEAM Lunch Programs-28 members participated for the month of December.
- Bingo Dec 14th & 28th-101 members participated for the month of December. Cost to center:\$110.00
- Light Lunch-December 10th-10 members participated
- Belly Dance Demonstration-December 1st-was well attended, very entertaining and lots of fun for everyone. Cost-\$100.00
- Charter Oak Christmas Concert-December 13th. A huge hit amongst our members. The children brought us much joy that day. We cannot wait to have them back again.
- Choral Group Holiday Performance-December 22nd- a beautiful holiday presentation that was also well attended and enjoyed by everyone

January Programs and events:

- Bingo Programs- Cost- have not received an accounting
- Winter Wonderland Luncheon-Dec12th-no accurate accounting yet
- Stepless Step Aerobic Class-Approx 8-10 participants, but steadily growing.
- TEAM lunch Programs- 19 served
- Joy of Music Program- Approx 8-10 participants great reviews
- Diamond Art Painting Class with Ann Cummings-Jan24th-approx 17 members participated. Everyone loved this class
- breakfast-Jan 18th-26 members attended. I heard it was outstanding! Cost to center?
- Wrinkles Tell Stories Program-Jan 19th-no accounting yet on number of participants]
- Light Lunch-jan 24th-16 members attended. Cost to center?

Senior Center Bus trips-January

- Carousel Museum- January 18th-11 members traveled

Vehicles

- Town received a settlement check for 2011 Ford E350 that was deemed a total loss. Total received:\$28,620.20
- January 3, 2023-2017 Ford AQ450 Bus was serviced at Advanced Wheels for lift issues. Pressure was out of adjustment. Cost:\$152.37

Facility Updates:

- An annual septic pumping service was completed on December 9th by New England Septic Invoice has been received and paid. Cost:\$510.00
- High pressure steam cleaning and degreasing to kitchen stove and hood was performed by Trans-Clean Corp for Stratford on December 6th. Invoice has been received and paid. cost-\$725.00
- The Oxford Senior Center sign by the road fell over and broke during a storm in December. It has been repaired by Rway Signs. Cost-invoice not yet received.
- Chris Helland with MAVCO repaired three microphones, after troubleshooting the issue we have been experiencing with our projector, he had determined that it cannot be repaired. He is researching the cost of a new projector. An invoice for repairs to the microphones has not yet been received.

Senior Center Updates:

- CPR/AED training session with New Britain EMS Academy was completed on Tuesday, Jan 24th from 3:00 to 5:00pm. This was a mandatory class for all drivers and staff. The cost: \$470.00
- The Town has recently furnished us with a Facility Maintenance Manager. George Renzoni will be going over the maintenance issues we have been experiencing, such as broken kitchen cabinet doors, improper closure of kitchen electrical problems along with many others.

8. Budget Review-

- Discussion on new budget

9. Old Business

- Sliding door had to rescheduled
- Issues with early sign ups for trips and events
- Heating issues in the building had to be addressed along with a broken valve in the ceiling in the billiard room that caused water and tile damage.
- Dance- will finish out month- will discuss with George.
- Building open at 9:00, people coming in at 8:15- why are people coming in

10.New Business-

- Heating pipes had to be bled

12.Adjournment

Motion made by Betty Andrews with a second by Sue DeScheen at 11:00.. All in favor.

Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:00AM and adjourned at 11:30am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy O'Connell

TOWN OF OXFORD, CT
[Signature]
TOWN CLERK

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