

Elderly Commission Minutes
May 9, 2023—9:30
Oxford Senior Center

Present

Rae Bailey, Edee Witham, Joyce Niestemski, Sue DeScheen, Don Mayer,
Sue Kovac, Kristyn Rosa

- 1 Call to order
Meeting called to order by Joyce Niestemski at 9:30
- 2 Amendments to the Agenda- None
- 3 Audience of Citizens:
Ella Savage, Oxford, upset regarding Heather
Jerry Davino-Oxford, Ines Davino- Oxford- read in the newsletter regarding
increasing the price of hot dogs- suggested we use the Senior Inc. account
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- 4 Review of Minutes
Motion made by Sue DeScheen to accept minutes with a second by Betty
Andrews. Motion carried
- 5 Correspondence-None
- 6 Municipal Agent- None available
- 7 Director's report
 - Per My Senior Center, we have a total of 1158 members, of which 751 are in Oxford and 398 are out of town. To ensure accuracy, we must merge duplicate files, marry households for single mailings, delete deceased people and generally correct and clean up membership files. This will help us to better utilize this industry specific software to better capture information on membership, activities, transportation, and much more. When we can identify, with much better specificity, who makes up our membership, we can better meet their needs.
 - We received a thank you card from the family of Bruno, a pool player who recently passed

Motorcoach and Extended Trips:

- Newport Playhouse: April 19th- 38 passengers thank you to Edee Witham for stepping up as leader. No commission earned
- California Dreamin Trip- \$4797.70 earned in commission.
- Italy Trip- issues on cancellations after California trip was tiring
- Water Fire Newport- Date change, working on it

Senior Center Bus Trips

- Lessard lanes Bowling- 9 bowlers
- Daffodil Fields- 20 riders to Civic Center 14 tx sold

Programs and Events:

- Hearing Screenings 4/19 4 served
- Foot Clinic 4/11, 4/19 total 21 served
- Hair by Donna 4/25 10 served (2nd day added per month)
- Blood Pressure Screenings, approx. 10 served
- New Game donated and financials better
- Light Lunch 4/12 & 4/17 15 pp**cost analysis due
- Hot Dog Lunch 4/6 4/13 & occasional Players
- Neil Diamond Luncheon- 90 served
- TEAM Lunch 4/26 18 served
- Movie Matinee 27 attendees

Programs and Classes

- Outsmarting Scanners 4/17 Canceled date4 TBD
- Looking to book electronics classes
- Home Clear Out Services
- Genealogy 2nd round completes May 3rd. decision to be made as to invest of next program, instructor to submit bill for her time and resources
- Annie's Crafts hugely popular

Vehicles

- We are still without the ADA van which was total 10/11/22, we are in desperate need of replacement as it is the most versatile to utilize drivers and meet rider needs. The finance director is willing to work with the grant writers and us to procure a replacement at no cost to the center. I will pursue that ASAP if advised. Suggested we buy a new car

Facility updates

- Room divider. We have learned that there is a part that does not shut off, and has therefore been replaced multiple items. It has been suggested that we move the apparatus down to the lower level, perhaps in a custodial closet, to be able to manually shut it off. The building maintenance manager George has been advised for follow up
- Also in April we completed 9 weeks of AARP tax preparation serving 182 families. It has been suggested that we rely solely on volunteers in our reception area to assist with center activities and payments, it is an added burden on the volunteers to take appointments, fill out and mail paperwork, confirm appts, greet and direct people waiting, etc. as well as our members who must share space for their activities. Discussion has taken place regarding moving this service to a different location next year. Especially since these services are not offered exclusively to seniors, and to Oxford residents.
- I would like to express my greatest appreciation for those of you on the commission and to countless volunteer members who have stepped up to help me, and support the senior center. Also to Kristyn Rosa who has offered her time to help us despite a very full schedule of her own. We have teamwork going here. We pulled together the newsletter, though that process can and must be improved to insure it is a piece to be proud of, as it represents the center. I'll continue to do all I can to ensure the continuation of valuable services and experiences for our members. And I ask that you all please continue to help me out. I look forward to continuing to work alongside all of you as we get through this time as I am confident that we shall.
- Red books have been given to volunteers to write an idea that will be brainstormed.

8 Budget

- Sue is going to sit down with Jim Hliva regarding budget
- Office supplies- one person will be doing ordering
- Question was raised : Should we have a treasurer

9 Old Business

- Team- sign up by Friday so it can be ordered by Monday
- Quality of food has been poor. The cost is \$3.00.
- Sign up should stop 3 days before event, cut off for all caterers
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Receptionists

- It was suggested that Betty Andrews and Kathy O'Connell a motion was made by Edee Witham and Seconded by Rae Bailey that Kathy and Betty will be in charge of training for all receptionists so everyone is on the same page. Motion carried.
- No one allowed in Bingo room before 12:30
- Sign up for trip- Deposit payment at time of sign up
- Must keep a positive attitude

George-dancer

- We will not be able to supplement income but will keep it until June
- Motion to finish dancing in June made by Rae Bailey and seconded by Sue DeScheen. Motion carried/

Hot Dogs

- Only members can buy hot dogs
- People need to be members to participate in events

10 New Business

Municipal Agent

- Should come to meeting to explain the services provided and have a follow up monthly

11 Other Business


Thank you Kristyn

- Joyce thanked Kristyn and George for all their support

12 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 with a motion by Betty Andrews with a second by Edee Witham. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,,


Kathy O'Connell
Elderly Commission Clerk

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By  Secretary to Board
TOWN CLERK