

ELDERLY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 9, 2021
~~NOVEMBER 9, 2021~~
OXFORD SENIOR CENTER

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

1. **Call to Order:**
Meeting called to order at 9:30 am by chairman Joyce Niestemski with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer
2. **Amendment to the Agenda:** none
3. **Audience of Citizens:** Marilyn Serus
4. **Review and Approval of Minutes** 11-09-2021
5. **Correspondence:**
 - Janet Hall, Development Fund at Griffin Hospital, thanking us for the donation from the Breast Cancer Bingo
 - Debbie Bender . A thank you for your donation from Bingo
- 6.
7. **Director's Report:**
Our current membership to date to **1082** members. Masks are not required for members who show proof of vaccination. If an individual is not vaccinated, they **must** continue to wear a mask at all times except while eating or drinking. we continue to update the vaccination log located at the front desk. I will be attending a mandatory Town Safety Advisory Meeting this morning at 11:00 at Town Hall to discuss the uptick in COVID-19 cases. I will keep you informed of any and all changes regarding this matter.

Motor Coach and Extended Trips:

Motor Coach – Atlantic City, tripicana-Nov28-29, 2021- 44 travelers
Portugal- Nov 2-11, 2021- 11 travelers
Atlantic City Trip – February 22nd - 24th- currently 16 travelers to date
Panama Cruise- Nov 6-21, 2022 – 39 travelers currently to date

Senior Center Bus Trips:

Goodspeed Opera House – 2 trips scheduled, Nov 4th & 17th- 41 travelers
Mystery Bus Trip Nov 22nd - 10 members raveled

Programs and Events

- Holiday Table Runner Craft Class –two sessions, Nov 3rd & 17th- 10 members attended
- TEAM Lunch program Nov 9th- cancelled due to lack of participants
- Foot Clinic Nov 9th-10 appointments scheduled
- Pomperaug Health Booster Shot Clinic Nov 15th- over 60 appointments were scheduled
- Lunch with Lou Nov 16th - 50 members served
- Hearing Screenings Nov 16th- 4 appointments scheduled
- Center Café Lunch Nov 17th-22 members served
- Bingo Nov 17th- 53 members attended
- Thanksgiving Luncheon Nov 18th- 98 members served
- Choral Group Performance Nov 19th - Oxford Congregational Church
- Tasty Tuesday Hamburg Lunch Nov 23rd- 40 members served
- Movie Matinee Nov 23rd- approximately 15 members attended
- Blood pressures 14- appointments scheduled with Peg from Pomperaug Health Department
- Hot Dog lunches- approximately 40-50 members served at each lunch

Programs and Classes;

Tai Chi Class-certified instructor Diane Lewis offered a free six week session every Monday that began on November 1st and ended on December 6th. Her class was extremely well received. Many members would like to see this class continue. Although we do not have the funds allocated for this fiscal year to pay Diane as an instructor, I offer her the opportunity to continue her class here at the center and collect her own fee. we would be happy to advertise this beneficial class in our monthly newsletter and keep her class on the same day and time as previously scheduled. She would like to try this for the month of January to see how it works out.

Vehicles

No issues or updates for the month of November

Facility Updates

- Public Works painted the curbs in the parking lot. Kevin miles said he was having trouble ordering the yellow safety paint. I was able to order it online and had it delivered to the center.
- On Nov 16th the kitchen roof was leaking. Diamond Rosa came to the center to see if it was the roof that was leaking. He determined it was coming from a pipe in the ceiling. Vaivoda Plumbing & Heating was called in to repair the leaking hot water pipe. we have not yet received an invoice.

- New England Septic pumped out septic tank and grease trap on Nov 3rd. cost \$480.00
- We received an invoice from Vaivoda Plumbing & Heating for repairs to flushometer in ladies bathroom. installed new vacuum breaker and Sloan o ring. Cost \$145.00
- Received a second invoice from Vaivoda Plumbing & Heating for clogged drain in kitchen. Ran snake through two floor sinks and flushed out drain and cleared out one baffle in tank. cost \$150.00

Senior Center Updates

- Thanksgiving Food Drive items were delivered to the Seymour Oxford Food Bank. We received so many generous donations and thank all who contributed for their kindness and help with this fundraising event.
- Our annual Christmas party was scheduled for Thursday, December 9, 2021 at the Grand Oak Villa, Oakville. Cost \$32.00 per person. we had 205 members in attendance. A wonderful time was had by all.
- We received a donation in the amount of \$100.00 from Judy Flood, a longtime member of our center. Judy's donation in memory of Josephine Mastrorocco, and she would like for us to use this gift on something special to remember Josephine.
- A reminder to all commission members whose terms have already expired or will be expiring on December 31st. Please submit your letters to the Board of Selectman as soon as possible if you wish to continue serving on the board.

Budget

- No report

Old Business

- People are still not wearing their masks properly. The mask should cover the mouth and nose and they must be kept on at all times except when eating.
- People on bus trips are not wearing masks especially when not vaccinated.
- People are still going in kitchen when food is being prepared.

New Business

Team lunch was postponed until further notice. A motion made by Betty Andrews and seconded by Sue DeScheen to cancel Team lunch for a while. Motion carried unanimously.
Volunteer lunch was very nice.

Motion to adjourn made by Betty Andrews and seconded by Sue DeScheen.

Respectfully Submitted by

Kathleen O'Connell

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clerk

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TOWN OF OXFORD, CT
TOWN CLERK
Sue DeScheen