

Elderly Commission
Regular meeting
November 14, 2017
Oxford Senior Center

Present: Sue DeScheen, Jean Brown, Joyce Niestemski, Betty Andrews, Pat Babbage, Connie Koskelowski

Absent: Marilyn Serus

- 1 **Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance** Meeting called to order by Joyce Niestemski at 9:40am with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer
2. **Amendments to the agenda:** None
3. **Audience of Citizens** Tom Giacchi, Hank Rotzal
 - Tom Giacchi brought up the issue that the Senior Center was built with grant money with the stipulation that the building used for senior activities only and now is being used for other organizations. The building was approved by the selectman.
- 4 **Review and Approval of Minutes.** ..
 - Minutes were approved with one correction- the minute should state "Motion carried unanimously for the increase of dues.
- 5 **Correspondence:** None
- 6 **Municipal Agents Report:** Connecticut budget making cuts
- 7 **Director's Report:**
 - Membership is 1101 and there were 1869 event sign in
 - During the month of October we transported 230 people, 28 of which were wheelchair bound and completed 241 trips. 68 trips were medical, 48 to the center, 4 shopping, 4 recreational and 5 personal.
 - We put 4 metal chairs out front and in the first couple of days some members were sitting on them, but as the weather became cooler there were fewer.
 - Heritage Water did their annual "walk through test" and we passed with no problem
 - The glass table tops were replaced with Plexiglas by Precision Glass, cost \$550.00
 - Representative Dave Labriola presented the Senior Center with a CT state flag
 - Started a volunteer list to keep track of volunteer hours and more will be added to the sign in screen
 - Joan's lunch was well received and next year she will be doing 3; June Barbeque, September Clam Bake and October Fall lunch
 - Motion made by Connie Koskelowski and seconded by Betty Andrews. Motion carried unanimously.
- 8 **Budget Review:**
 - We are at 28% of budget
9. **Old business:**
 - Question on Friday breakfast and why can't we have transportation on Friday. Pat explained drivers can only work 19 hours and medical appointments come first. Only have 2 drivers that can work on Friday's and one will have to be used for dialysis

- New bus scheduled to arrive at the end of the month
- Should minutes be listed as a draft because they are not approved until the next month? Discussion followed on the rules of the minutes
- New computer screen – community car drivers are now listed as volunteers
- Thanksgiving Dinner comments were very good and the entertainment was very good. Veterans Day was very good and was done by Todd Orner. American Legion program was very impressive. The choral group and the bell ringers
- were very entertaining. Charlie Rippel presented a very interesting program.
- Joyce read an article from the Voices regarding the temperature in the pool room and craft room. Questions should be brought to Brian who is the person working on the system. Pat will bet more information to the selectman.
- Freezer and refrigerator are working fine but we will continue to look into new ones,

10. New Business:

- Clock in the library needs to be fixed
- Some people questioning increase in dues. Some people are upset but most people feel that it was worth it for all the activities that the center has.
- Office noise is very upsetting because people come in and just sit and talk and some just go into see Pat and Heather but it will be looked in a solution. People should not be in the main office as it is very disturbing to the receptionist. How do we prevent this?
- Discussion on the custodian hours and it was determined that the hours should be 2:30 to 5:30 to make it possible for him to do some work after seniors leave.
- Tammy, the scheduler needs a small iPad so she can go into another office to be able to do her work.

11. Other Business: None

12. Adjournment:

Respectfully Submitted,

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