

Elderly Commission
Regular meeting
November 12, 2019, 9:39am
Oxford Senior Center

Present: Sue DeScheen, Hank Rotzal, Joyce Niestemski, Betty Andrews, Larry Morgan
Absent: Pat Babbage

1 **Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance**

- Meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance and a prayer at 9:30am

2. **Amendments to the agenda:** None

3. **Audience of Citizens** None

4 **Review and Approval of Minutes...**

- Motion made by Hank Rotzal and seconded by Sue DeScheen. Motion passed unanimously

5 **Correspondence:** None

6. **Municipal Agents Report:**

- I'm sure that some of you have heard about the Social Security increase for 2020. 69 million Americans including retirees, the disabled and young survivors of deceased retirees and others who rely on Social Security will receive a 1.6 bump in their benefit next year. For an average retiree who receives a check for \$1,460 they will get an additional \$23.40 per month. AARP claims about one half of our senior rely on SS for at least 50 of their income and about one quarter depend on it for their income and about one quarter depend on it for at least 90% of their income. The Social Security Administration ties its adjustment for S.S. benefits to the wage earners consumer price index. National average prices are used not regional so the whole country is reflected. The 1.6% lower than normal average this year is mainly due to the drop in gas prices. This past year gas prices have dropped 6% dragging down the overall figure. It is predicted that inflation will likely pickup to about 2% causing an upward bump in the 2021 Social Security COLA as well. Meanwhile we have to settle for the 1.6%.

Moral of the story: when you are at the gas station waiting in line for gas and you notice that the gas price has gone up a few cents, don't complain too much since your social security COLA increase will probably too up next year. Hopefully.

- A Holiday wish for everyone
 - Peace that endures
 - Hope that inspires
 - And love that lives always in our hearts

Happy Holidays

Director's Report:

As of October 10th we have 1129 members and 2020 membership renewals will begin November 1st. We had 1906 event sign-ins during the month of October.

October Trips

- Motor Coach- Octoberfest in VT- 10/8=26: 10/31=41 passengers
- Motor Coach-West Broadway Theatre- An American in Paris – 54 passengers
- Motor Coach- Mohegan Sun – 41 passengers
- Senior Center Bus- Essex Steam Train – 20 passengers
- Senior Center bus – The SO NO Collection Mall- 13 passengers

October Events:

- Oktoberfest Luncheon – 90 members
- Bingo – 37 members
- Foot Clinics – 20 Members
- TEAM lunches- 21 members
- Hearing Screenings 2 members

- Drazen Law Group Presentation -7 members
- Attorney Julia Brown presented on a Last Will & Testament – 22 members
- Music by Mike Godette w/ Hot Dog Lunch – 45 members
- We had a flu shot clinic on October 17

Vehicles:

- We transported 189 people, 15 of which were wheelchair bound, we completed 207 trips, 39 trips were medical 38 to the center, 6 shopping, 3 recreational, 12 personal and vehicle maintenance

Facility Updates

- There has been no response to date from George Temple on the patio ceiling repair
- No work has begun on the sump well repair
- Heather's office door lock was repaired by Tyler an employee at Public Works
- We received new vests for the choral group. Some of the left over grant money was used to subsidize the cost of the vests. We will be taking a photo of the group when Kathy O'Neil returns from her sick leave.
- We have a new custodian, Christopher Arpie. Right now he is working 2:00 – 5:00 Monday – Friday.

Other Business:

- The Annual Senior Center Christmas Party will be Thursday December 5th at the Grand Oak Villa 12:00 – 3:30. I hope you will all attend as our guests.

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Budget Review:

The budget will be done early

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Old business:

- Sump pump has not been done; has not been approved
- Sent over request for patio , still waiting
- Robert Huellette has passed and a new custodian has been hired
- Connie Koskelowski resigned from the board as she has moved to Shelton.
- Choir looked very nice in new vests
- Coffee pot working our very well

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New Business:

- Commission voted to purchase cushions for the pool room. Motion made by Betty Andrews with a second by Sue DeSheen. Motion carried unanimously.
- Center needs a new vacuum, Pat will look into it. Motion made by Hank Rotzal with a second by Sue DeSheen. Motion carried unanimously
- Computer in corner of reception area needs replacement. Motion made by Hank Rotzal with a second by Betty Andrews. Motion carried unanimously.

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Other Business:

- None

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Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn by 10:30 was made by Hank Rotzal and a second by Sue DeSheen. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen O'Connell

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Clerk

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Sue DeSheen