

Oxford Senior Center

10 Old Church Road
Oxford, CT 06478
Elderly Commission
October 11, 2022

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

2. Amendments: none

3. Audience of Citizens: none

Review and Approval of minutes: minutes were approved with a motion by Sue DeScheen and seconded by Don Mayer.

5.Correspondence- A donation from The Mabel Fischer Grant Foundation in the amount of \$13,000.00 to fund exercise and dance classes conducted by instructor Gabriella Talacs-Fabry at Oxford Senior Center.

6.Municipal Agent News: Last month in October, we had Rob Pun come to our Senior Center and present the different insurances for Medicare. Just a reminder, Open Enrollment is October 15th through December 7th. If you are happy with your Medicare insurance now is the time to change. It is also the time of year for the cold weather to descend upon us. High fuel costs for heating are also descending on us. I wonder how seniors and the disabled are going to be able to afford the high costs of heating their homes this year. The State received nearly \$160million from the Federal Program to help with the Low Income Energy Assistance Program.also known as LIHEAP. LIHEAP, a federal program, funds our Connecticut program for energy assistance and Connecticut is applying for more funding right now to try to cover the higher cost for heating this winter. The Naugatuck Valley area must apply to Team, Inc. which is located at 30 Elizabeth Street in Derby, CT. Operation Fuel provides energy assistance to lower and middle income working families, needy elderly and the disabled. Operation Fuel helps with all types of heating sources including gas, electric and deliverable fuels such as oil, propane etc. This program started accepting applications September 1st and Team is urging you to apply early for this assistance due to the volume that they anticipate will apply for this program.Team can be reached at 203-736-5420 Press 3 for energy assistance, then press 1 to apply. You can also email them at energy@teaminc.org or you can also visit their website to see the programs that Team offers at www.teaminc.org.

7.Director's Report: Senior center members total 1,226 to date. As of October 11, 2022 our membership dues deposits totalo \$6,880.00.

Senior Center Donations Received: \$135.00 in coffee jar donations along with many donations of coffee.

Red Cross Blood Drive at the center: A blood drive was held on Saturday, September 3, 2002 with 57 scheduled appointments

September Programs and Events:

- September 8th- California Dreamin trip presentation sponsored by Collette. Over 30 members attended of which 17 members registered, each with a deposit of \$899.00 to secure their reservations.
- September 13th- Fall Wreath Class with Kathy Molnar- 11 registered and paid \$25.00 each for materials needed to create the wreath. Instructor Cost: \$50.00
- September 14th- Judge Calabrese offered a program on trusts-approximately 50 members attended
- September 22nd-Apple Harvest Luncheon-80 members registered. Collected:\$1200.00. Caterer Cost:\$1276.00. Entertainment Cost:\$250.00. Cost to center \$526.00
- September 26th-Lunch & Trivia-29 members registered. Cost:\$240.00
- September 28th-Sound Healing Program with Jesse Komarom-approximately 20 members registered. Cost: \$150.00
- September 28th-Gift Card Bingo-78 members attended. Collected \$390.00. Cost \$335.00
- September 29th0lunch & Learn with Dr Jahar, cataract Surgeon-39 members attended. Sandwiches were provided by Dr Johar, Center provided chips, drinks and dessert. Approx cost to center 25.00
- September 30th-Flu Clinic sponsored by Housatonic Health Department- approximately 40

appointments were scheduled

- All other normally scheduled programs and events are steadily increasing on a monthly basis

Motor Coach and Extended Trips:

- September 14th-Penn Dutch Trip-33 members traveled. We received a lovely chalk picture from artist Elva as a donation to our center. Profit:\$520.4
- September 21st-The Big E-39 members traveled. (Shared trip with Derby Sr Center. No profit to center

Senior Center Bus Trips:September

- walmart-September 6th-9members
- Bowling at Lessard Lanes-September 12th-? Members traveled
- Port Jefferson-September 15th-12 members traveled
- Charcoal Chef-September 19th-12 members traveled
- Argia Schooner-September 20th-15 members traveled

Vehicles

Miraculously NO issues or maintenance for the month of September

Facility Updates:

- On September 12th electrician Matthew Romeo was called in to assess all lights in the building that are in need of being replaced. An order was submitted and he will return this month to replace them.
- HVAC technician Brian Passerini was working periodically throughout the month to service our heating and air conditioning units getting them ready for the seasonal change. On September 12th while he was working in the mechanical room, he noticed a leak near the far wall that abuts the poker room, Don Caivoda was called in to determine where the leak was coming from. He found that it was coming from the thermal expansion tank. He shut down the water system, removed the bad tank and installed a new ball valve and ordered a new tank. On September 15th a new expansion tank was installed. Total cost: \$248.00.
- Freezer unit was not holding the proper temperature on September 22nd. Arctic Air in Beacon Falls was called. They found the fridge cap tube was clogged. Repair cost\$443.00

Senior Center Updates:

- The center will be having our annual Fall Craft fair on Friday, November 4th & Saturday November 5th. This event will be open to the general public. An ad will be placed in Voices as well as on facebook. June Maciolek's son inlaw also be mentioning our upcoming craft fair on Channel 8 News. Thank you June.
- Our Annual Christmas Party at the Grand Oak Villa has been booked for Thursday, December 8th. Paula Pettinella will be our entertainment for the day. We will be selling raffle tickets for gift baskets and prizes.
- We will advertise new membership fee increases beginning November 1st. An announcement will be placed on the front page of the November newsletter and flyers will also be posted.
- Receptionists Pat Wiesniak and Ann Cummings have decided not to continue working at the receptionist desk. Ann would like to help out updating memberships on My Senior Center computer and Pat would like to continue working in the library but will need help.

8.Budget Review- doing ok

9.Old business-painting of the senior center was turned down

10.New Business-

- People are leaving their ceramic mugs in the sink. Please wash your own mugs. The area in the sink needs to be kept clean
- Can we go someplace other than PA- need suggestions

11.Other Business

- Don brought in an article on Pysanky eggs. Heather will check into who gives lessons in this.
- November 8th is election day so next meeting will be Wednesday November 9th

12.Adjournment

Motion made by Don Mayer, seconded by Edee Witham. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy O'Connell

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