

Oxford Senior Center
10 Old Church Road
Oxford, CT 06478
Elderly Commission
December 13, 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 Betty Andrews and seconded by Sue DeScheen.

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5. Correspondence- None

6. Municipal Agent News:

- It seems that 2022 went by way too fast. Hopefully, in 2023 we can stop and smell the roses for a little while. At least let us enjoy the raise that we are receiving this month in our Social Security checks. It might help us pay the ridiculous grocery bill that has gone up way too fast or our electric bill that is supposed to skyrocket. I wish for each and everyone of you to be able to keep up with your financial needs in 2023.
- During the year we discussed our Driver's License and changing them to Real ID's. Recently the Department of Homeland Security announced once again, the extension of the Real ID enforcement deadline date by 24 months. The Real ID Act of 2005 was passed by zCongress after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The original date has been extended many times and the most recent was set to expire on May 3, 2023. It is now extended to May 3, 2025. This document is needed for certain flights and entering some Federal Buildings. Officials said the extension is needed, in part, because of lingering problems from COVIS-19 which caused backlogs in state agencies like the Department of Motor Vehicles that issues driver's licenses. Four pieces of identification are required to obtain a REAL ID: a passport, or birth certificate, a social security card or tax return, and two documents proving proof of residence, such as a mortgage or rental receipt and a utility bill. Once you have all your documents ready you can call your local DMV or satellite office and set up an appointment. In addition to the Stars on the REAL ID the Department of Homeland Security states that the cards themselves will be built with new technology, making them more difficult to forge.
- If you don't plan to fly domestically or visit a Federal Office, you don't need a READ ID to get a driver's license. Also, the TSA won't require children under 18 to provide identification when they're traveling with an adult companion within the U.S., but the companion must have identification. The important fact to remember is that **the REAL ID is not a substitute for a passport.** If you would like more information on this subject visit the CT Department of Motor Vehicle REAL ID requirements.
- Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy 2023!

7. Director's Report:

The senior center has 1,281 members to date. As of December 12, 2022 our membership deposits total \$8,785.00. Deposit total includes members who have already paid dues for the upcoming year.

Senior Center Donations Received:

A \$25.00 check was received from Mr. and Mrs Louis Serenop as a thank you to our drivers for their exceptional service. This check was deposited into our special activities account and will be put towards a Drivers Appreciation Luncheon.

Red Cross Blood Drives at the Center

Next scheduled blood drive will take place Saturday, February 4th from 8:00 am -1:00PM/

Motor Coach and Extended Trips:

- October 25th - 27th- Caesars Casino- 133 travelers. Commission received \$861.00.
- November 6th- Panama Canal Cruise- 38 travelers. The center is currently waiting for a 7% commission check that has not yet been received.
- The center will not offer any morto coach trips during the winter months.

Senior Center Bus Trips: November

- Goodspeed Opera- November 4th- 20 members traveled
- Lessard Lanes Bowling- November 14th- 5 members traveled
- Ann's Festival of Trees- November 18th- 20 members traveled

November Programs and Events:

- Attendance at all programs, classes and events throughout the month of November was above average.
- Genealogy classes conducted by Lisa Piccioli will be coming to an end soon. This course was very well attended and enjoyed by all who participated. We wil;l offer an advanced class for those who wish to continue this educational and exciting program throughout the months of January and February. The Ancestry.com subscription that was previously purchased by Donna Herign has proved to be a huge success. Instructor cost; \$300.00.(6 week session).
- Haircuts by Donna Hering has proved to be a huge success. Appointments will continue monthly at no cost to the center.
- Belly Dance demonstration by Deborah Mottram was very well attended. This was an informative and entertaining program. Cost:\$100.00 deborah's fitness certifications and qualifications are extensive. Beginning in January, she will offer a trail Stepless Step Cardio SWorkout class to our members. Instructor Cost: \$50.00 per class
- Thanksgiving Luncheon, November 17, 2002= 95 members in attendance. Catered by Matteis Deli-Cost:\$19.95. Members were charged: \$15.00pp. Total cost: \$1,895.25. Subsidy cost to center \$1,425.00. Entertainment provided by The Boogie Boys-Costy: \$300.000

Vehicles

- 2011 Ford E350 Van that was involved in an accident that occurred on October 11th at 479 Chestnut tree Hill rd has been deemed a total loss. A breakdown of the settlement from Progressive Insurance is as follows. VALUE: \$24,795.67, Taxes: \$1,574.53, LOU/Downtime \$2,25.000, settlement: \$28,620.20 settlement check has not yet been received. We returned a rental minivan on December 7th to Advanced Wheels, leaving us one vehicle short for transportation. On Friday, December 9th, First Selectman George Temple gave me verbal permission to rent another vehicle until a new van can be purchased. New van cost is approximately \$80,000-90,000. Town will advise as to where the funding comes from. A new vehicle was rented Monday, December 12th from Avis Car Rental of Waterbury. Source of funding for rental has yet to be determined by the town. Cost: \$2690.4.(weekly)
- 2017 Ford E450 Service Bus was taken to Hillside Auto on Monday, November 21st with a suspected exhaust leak. Hillside replaced the exhaust pipe. They also changed the oil, lubricated al;; grease fittings checked fluids and tire pressure. Cost: \$230.58

Facility Updates:

- Due to a scheduling conflict, CRF Interior Systems asked to reschedule the service appointment that was set for December 6th at 7:AM. This service was to repair the partition door in the main room. A new date has not yet been confirmed.
- Annual septic pumping service was completed on December 9th by New England Septic. Currently waiting for an invoice.
- High pressure steam cleaning and degreasing to kitchen stove and hood was performed by Trans=Clean Corp. of Stratford on December 6th. Invoice has not been received.
- Center Carpets in library. Computer room, offices, reception area and storage closet have been cleaned by Eagle Cleaning Service, Seymour. Cost: \$700.00
- A backflow prevention test was performed by Heritage Water on November 15th. Results were passing. Cost: 4100.00

Senior Center Updates:

- TEAM lunches will be continuing at the center. November lunches were much better than they were in the past. Portion sizes have increased and members seemed to be satisfied. Sue DeScheen was kind enough to come up with a brief written survey to hand out during the lunch so we could gather

feedback from our members.

- Caterer Tod Orner stopped by the center to see if he could be of service to us for a future event. I am requesting a brief discussion regarding the outcome of our meeting and would highly recommend hiring Todd for January New Year's Luncheon.

8. Budget Review- doing ok

9. Old Business

- Survey results: people not happy about substitutions and 2% milk.
- Discussion on people paying at time of sign up. Some are not paying.
- We need 2 new clocks

10. New Business-

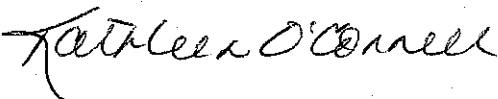
- A service appointment has been scheduled for Friday, December 16th to service and repair the center's projector and microphones.
- I am requesting a discussion with regards to a meeting with First Selectman George Temple, that took place on December 9th. Topic was related to sign up policies and procedures at the center
- Unexplained happenings at the center:
 - Yearly subscription to the Republican American newspaper was canceled without my knowledge. When I noticed we were not receiving the daily paper, I called and asked to speak with a manager. I was informed by Beth that someone from the center had called and requested the newspaper delivery to be discontinued from November 8th through November 12th. Beth did not have the name of the person who requested this, but did say that the call came from the senior center phone. This subscription is paid in full once a year. The Republican American credited our account for the period the paper was not delivered.
 - An out-trip to The Gingerbread Village and Maggie McFly's Restaurant in Middlebury was planned for December 7th. A reservation at the restaurant for 20 members was confirmed the week prior. When member Bonnie drove to the restaurant on her own and arrived shortly before our bus, she was informed that the reservation had been canceled by the senior center. I called the restaurant and spoke to Samantha, a manager at the facility. Samantha told me she received a call from the center stating we had to cancel our reservation for 20 individuals and that we would reschedule sometime in the spring.
- I have scheduled a CPR/AED training session with New Britain EMS Academy on Tuesday, January 24th from 3:00PM -5:00PM. This will be a mandatory class for all drivers and staff to maintain certifications. Cost; \$70.00pp
- I am requesting a private discussion with all Board Members regarding- transportation and scheduling issues.
- Per the order of the First Selectman George Temple, a resident of Oxford sign up first for events. Heather is not in favor but will go along with George's mandate.

12. Adjournment

Motion made by Betty Andrews with a second by Sue DeScheen at 10:25.. All in favor.

Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:30AM and adjourned at 11:15am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy O'Connell

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TOWN OF OXFORD, CT
Kathleen O'Connell
TOWN CLERK