

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2013 MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order by Chairman Amy Saada at 1:35 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pat Bachetti, Elaine Bemont, Dorothy Bynack, Ron Collyer, Phylliss Gwilliam, Ailene Henry and Amy Saada.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**AUDIENCE:** Eileen Fedorowich, Florence Hurley and Joan Sizer.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of minutes of meeting of October 8, 2013 approved with a motion by Pat Bachetti and a second by Dory Bynack.

Chairman's Report ó Amy reported the following:

- Volunteers are needed to help out with the healthy breakfasts twice a month. Sign-up sheet is on the kitchen door.
- Halloween party was a huge success. Many compliments received on party.
- Tickets for the Christmas Carol at the Hartford Stage on December 8<sup>th</sup> are still available for a cost is \$23 each and time for the show is 2:00.

Meals on Wheels - Linda Coleman was unable to attend meeting. However, it was noted that drivers are always needed. There currently are two routes daily and this may need to change to three due to the increase in the number of meals being delivered.

Senior Support ó Pat Bachetti reported she is currently corresponding with 18 people at Blair Manor. In many cases, she is their only lifeline to the outside world as many of these people have very few visitors and no family.

Senior Club ó Dory Bynack reported that the Club currently has 121 paid members and is working with the Town on several events. Their board meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 at the town hall. Lunch is served every Wednesday at noon for a \$5.00 fee. Free pizza will be available at the luncheon on November 20<sup>th</sup>. A turkey dinner is scheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup> of November.

Woodcrest ó A turkey dinner is being planned for Woodcrest residents on Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Turkey will be provided and pot luck will complete the meal.

Trips ó Upcoming day trips from the senior center include the following:

- 11/28/13       Manchester Mall and Area Shops
- 12/06/13       Governor's Mansion
- 12/23/13       Bright Nights at Forest Park

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Coffee and Donuts on Tuesday ó Those enjoying coffee and donuts on Tuesday morning would like to start at 7:00. They cannot, however, start before 8 o'clock because that is the time the town employees are slated to start their day.

Computer Lessons ó Classes are now over for this session. Sixteen people signed up and twelve finished the classes. It is hoped to do this again in the future. Another suggestion was to form a Computer Club at the senior center for people to help and teach each other what they know.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

2014 Meeting Schedule ó Vote was taken to accept the 2014 schedule as presented. Motion was made by Phyliss to accept with a second by Ron Collyer.

Holiday Programs ó

- Thanksgiving baskets will be prepared jointly with All Saints Church for distribution to needy families. A collection box will be at Geisslers on November 17<sup>th</sup> for accepting donations for these baskets. A townwide food drive will be held on November 26<sup>th</sup> also.
- The Christmas Adopt-a-Family program in effect. If you or someone you know would like to participate in this program, let Amy know.
- On December 13 and 14, the Salvation Army Kettle Drive will be held at Geisslers. 90% of the funds collected will be donated to the Somers Social Services Program.
- Holiday Christmas Party will be held on December 11 from 4:00 to 7:00 . More details will be forthcoming on this event.

Winter Coats ó About 100 adult winter coats have been collected. These will go into a program where they will be dry cleaned and then donated to the Salvation Army. Any local person in need of an adult coat can receive a voucher and receive a free coat.

Debbie Reynolds ó Plans are being made to see the Debbie Reynolds at Mohegan Sun in April. Date is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Times and prices, etc. still need to be determined. Bus transportation will be provided.

Senior Bus ó Approval was received for a new senior bus. Town treasurer has given the okay to start the ordering process.

Blair Manor Thank-You ó Discussion arose as to how we could properly say thank-you to the people who provide us with a breakfast and dinner several times a month. A suggestion was made to purchase a large Christmas Card and have our members sign and write a little message on the card. This card would be posted on their bulletin board for all to enjoy.

**Next meeting of the Advisory Board will be on Tuesday, December 10 at 1:30 P.M.  
Preceding the meeting will be a Christmas Luncheon being planned by Pat Bachetti.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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