

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY  
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2013 MEETING**

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

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**AUDIENCE:** Linda Coleman and Florence Hurley.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of minutes of meeting of November 12, 2013 approved with a motion by Ron Collyer and a second by Pat Bachetti.

Chairman's Report ó Amy reported on the following:

- Three quotes are out on the purchase of a new senior bus.
- Current board appointments are up on December 22. Selectmen will re-appoint with a letter soon.
- Combined Club/Town Christmas Party will be held on December 11. Eighty-four people are signed up for this event.
- Bus transportation will be provided to the KofC Christmas party on Sunday, the 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The Kettle Drive being held at Geisslers, a ring-a-bell outing ó will be this Friday and Saturday. Volunteers are needed to ring the bell. Ninety per cent of monies received will go to the local Social Services fund.
- Bus trip to Bright Nights will be on Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Two buses will be running. Cost for bus entrance to Bright Nights is \$21.00.

Meals on Wheels - Linda Coleman reported that things are going well with this program Pat Bachetti will address Christmas cards for those receiving meals. A small gift will be placed with their meals prior to Christmas delivery. There is no Christmas day delivery.

Senior Support ó Pat Bachetti reported that 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. Pat will be gone until April but will continue to keep in touch with her clients as well as those receiving meals on wheels.

Senior Club ó Dory Bynack reported that dues for 2014 are now due. Fifty-four people have already renewed their dues. Club will help host the Christmas luncheon on the 11<sup>th</sup> and is working well with the town staff on various projects.

Woodcrest ó A holiday dinner will be held at Woodcrest on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. In lieu of providing turkeys for Woodcrest residents, two congregate meals will be held for themí ..one at the senior center and one at Woodcrest.

Trips ó Final trip of the year will be on December 23<sup>rd</sup> to Bright Nights. The 2014 schedule will be shown monthly with sign-ups also on a monthly basis. Tentative plans are in place for a bus to the Connecticut Science Center on December 30.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Christmas Baskets ó Baskets are being prepared for those in need and will be delivered in time for Christmas. This service is in combination with All Saints in Somersville.

Winter Coats ó About 100 adult winter coats have been turned over to the cleaners and, in turn, the Salvation Army. In addition, \$200 has been received by Social Services for the purchase of any coats needed for needy residents. Coats were recently purchased for the local family recently suffering a fire at their home.

Debbie Reynolds ó There doesn't appear to be enough interest in this program to proceed. Anyone wishing to go may do so on their own. Tickets are \$59 each. .

Blair Manor Thank-You ó A large card has been prepared by Phyliss Gwilliam for all to sign and will be presented to Blair Manor personnel at their luncheon here on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Resource Guide ó a new version of the Resource Guide is available for the asking.

Food Pantry ó Ron Collyer helps at the All Saints Food Pantry. Announcement was made that as of January 9, 2014 the Food Pantry would be open on Thursdays from four o'clock until six o'clock and on Fridays from eight o'clock until ten o'clock

Comments:

Announcements should be made at the Christmas Party regarding the signing of the Thank you card for Blair Manor and the Kettle Drive at Geisslers. Perhaps we could obtain a couple more volunteers.

**Next meeting of the Advisory Board will be on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 1:30.**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!!!!**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 2:33 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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