

FINAL  
Minutes of the Commission on Aging Monthly Meeting  
December 5, 2012

Attendees: Doris Armstrong, Barbara Bloom, Jeannine Belisle, Marie Bendzans (for Yvette Huyghue-Pannell), Al LeFebvre, Lucille Morisse, Toby Neuwirth, Councilman Leon Rivers, Gus Walek, Paula Walek

Absent: State Rep. David Baram, Fannie Gabriel, Yvette Huyghue-Pannell (Senior Center Liaison), Janet Lamenza, Paul Pelletier, Annette Walters

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. Paula made a motion to accept the November minutes; Al seconded. The minutes were approved as presented.

Doris asked if there was anything new about David's request for input on the topic of home health care, which will probably be taken up at the capitol when the new session starts. There was a general discussion. Will health care providers be adequately trained in performing services for which they were not previously responsible? What is the status of the effort to allow people to age in place as opposed to moving into a nursing home? The discussion was tabled until the January meeting. Please be prepared to share your questions/comments with David at the January meeting. If anyone is unable to attend, please send your comments in prior to the meeting.

Al reported that the Yellow Dot program is going well. Over 40 people have registered; several people hesitated until they learned that there are no fees associated with joining the program.

Marie followed up on Yvette's comment last month that the Senior Center is preparing to go through the accreditation process once again. She explained that an initial accreditation and each subsequent renewal are for a 5-year period. Yvette will have more information at the January meeting.

Lucille noted that the Triad regional conference that was postponed because of Hurricane Sandy has been rescheduled to January 24, 2013. She plans to attend, and believes that Paul will also. She said than any other Commission members are also welcome.

A schedule for 2013 Commission monthly meeting dates was distributed and is attached to these minutes. It was noted that the January meeting will be held the day after New Year's, and that the September meeting will be held the week of Labor Day. Al moved to accept the schedule; Paula seconded. The schedule was approved.

Lucille attended the Social Services annual holiday giftwrapping session yesterday. There were fewer items donated this year, but Social Services assured that every family who qualified for the gift giving program would receive presents.

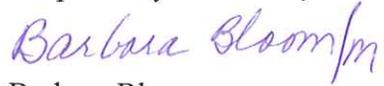
Lucille and Paula provided a recap of the Senior Services/Food Share Annual Turkey Give-away (for nearly 130 "seniors") and the Social Services/Senior Services Thanksgiving luncheon (for 100 guests), both of which were held on the same day. Stop & Shop donated a number of gift certificates to luncheon participants and the store manager spoke of ways in which the store supports the community.

Paula noted that last year 24 holiday dinners were provided to families of high school students; this year the number increased to 57. Geisslers has been very generous in charging only a portion of their actual cost.

The next meeting will take place at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, January 2, 2013.

Toby made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paula seconded. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Bloom  
Recording Secretary

Bloomfield Commission on Aging  
2013 Meeting Dates

January 2

February 6

March 6

April 3

May 1

June 5

July - no meeting

August - no meeting

September 4

October 2

November 6

December 4

Meetings are held at 12:00 noon  
on the first Wednesday of the month  
Room 301 of the Marilyn Michaelson Senior Center