

**Pomfret Senior Advocate Commission
Program Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 3, 2013**

Meeting Called to Order at 9:00am

Present: Cathy Grant, and Gail McElroy. Sue LaRose arrived at 9:20.

Absent: Liz Cartier

Discussion:

We thought that the Easter Egg Hunt would be fun, turned out to be a disappointment. Although those who came to the Senior Center on the 27th enjoyed eating the candy, some felt that the hunt itself was childish. We will not repeat this activity.

We believe that we will have about \$300 for May & June activities. The proposed amount budgeted for programs next fiscal year will be about \$2,000. Once fixed expenses such as \$10/mo or \$120/year for movies, \$10/mo or \$120/year trivia, \$10/mo or \$120/year for crafts, annual Wii banquet, annual New Year's party etc... we'll have a better idea of what we can actually spend on programs and trips. We will have recommendations for the May PSAC meeting.

A flyer for the most recent show at the Goodspeed Opera House will be posted on the events board.

Based on past attendance, we'd like to see the Whale Watch and Big E on the calendar for 2013-14. Gail proposed a \$10 discount on the ticket for Pomfret residents and out of towners pay full ticket price. She would like the see the Senior Center pay for the van rental.

Fundraising: Cathy mentioned having a party with a raffle to raise money for next year's programs. We could solicit area business for donations, participants can purchase raffle tickets and drop them into the bucket for the prizes they wish to win. We could also charge admission of \$5 to \$10 per person. This could be open to anyone who wants to help support the Senior Center.

We also propose an ice cream social. We could ask We-Like-It to donate ice cream or sell to us at a reduced cost. Sundae's could be \$5 each and cones for kids could be \$2.00. We can set pricing when or if we decide to pursue this.

We also talked about proposing a Roundtable discussion between the Commission and senior center participants to discuss how our first year has progressed, get input on what can be done to improve and get input on expectations for the next fiscal year.

The next meeting of the Program Committee will be on Wednesday, May 1st at 9:00 at Seely-Brown Village. We will present programs for June 2013 and future programs for fiscal year 2013-14 at the May meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy J. Grant
Program Committee Head