

**Pomfret Senior Advocate Commission  
Program Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 6, 2013**

Meeting Called to Order at 9:10am

Present: Susan LaRose, Liz Cartier, Cathy Grant, Gail McElroy and Rita Conrad

Discussion:

Sawmill Pottery: Sawmill reduced the cost for their class from \$288 to \$228 per person for eight lessons. We feel that this is still too expensive and do not recommend that we pursue this activity.

Rita updated us on the following:

- Volunteer Career Day: She reported that this event looks very promising. So far, all she has contacted are interested. Will update the Commission at their March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Citizen's National Bank will come to the Senior Center and do a presentation on fraud and scams aimed at seniors. They will check their schedules for Mondays & Tuesdays. We would like to serve a meal afterwards. The Bistro Menu was considered with the Commission to pay for up to 30 meals (\$150). After more discussion, we thought that getting a variety of party pizzas from Pizza 101 would be a better idea.
- Neighborhood Watch: Rita volunteered to contact Trooper Gordon relative to speaking to our participants about forming neighborhood watches. Trooper Gordon is the Pomfret liaison and he is very interested in doing this for the whole town. He suggested bringing in the K-9 and their trailer as well as giving a presentation. We feel that the Senior Center is too small to host this event. Pomfret Community School would be a better location. It should be open to the whole town not just to seniors. We felt that this should be a Town of Pomfret event, not a Senior Center event. Do we need permission from the Selectmen for this to happen, or should the Town take over this event?

**Program Suggestions** – we have three months to the end of the fiscal year:

Easter Egg Hunt: We know this is a last minute submission and didn't make the calendar, but we would like to hold an Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at Noon. We can get plastic eggs from Dollar Tree at \$1 a bag (10/bag). For \$25-30 we can purchase (250-300) eggs. For another \$25-30 we can buy bags of candy to fill the eggs. After the Center closes on Tuesday night, Cathy and a few volunteers will hide eggs all over the Center. When the doors open on Wednesday at Noon, it's a free for all with everyone hunting down eggs. They can spend the rest of their day getting a sugar high. Would the Commission authorize \$50 for eggs & candy?

Wrentham Village Outlets: Wrentham is a huge outlet with about 150 stores. We propose a shopping trip either on a Saturday or a week day. They would be dropped off at the Food Court at 10 and picked up at 3. We could stop for dinner in Auburn if they wish. Seniors would pay \$15 each for the van. Would the Commission like to subsidize the van?

Take Me Out to The Ballgame: A schedule for the Tigers single A team, the CT Tigers in Norwich, will go up at the Senior Center in case anyone wants to go to a game. Admission is \$8 (grandstand), \$9 (reserved) and \$10 (premium) seats. They do offer a \$1 discount for seniors. Seniors could go on their own or in a group and car pool and catch a game. This will not require any funding by the Commission.

The next meeting of the Program Committee will be on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 at Seely-Brown Village. We will present programs for May 2013 at the March meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy J. Grant  
Program Committee Head