

Minutes for Sept. 13, 2011  
CSEA 418/4Cs  
10 – noon  
907 Wethersfield Ave., Hartford  
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1. Meeting called to order 11:20. Technical difficulties with the projector
2. Present: Kathy Bavelas, Bette Marafino, Bill Searle, Bill Tyszka, Mushiba, Greg Hager, Raymond Mercik, Denise Lynch, Felipe Flores and Marilyn Tyszka.
3. Our guest, Robert Rodriguez, from Social Security gave a wonderful presentation, answered individual questions and had a lot of helpful printed materials.

We were reminded that SS serves not just the elderly but that currently 1.9 million children who have lost a parent receive benefits, 4.5 widows/widowers receive benefits, 7.8 million disabled folks receive benefits. Fifty-three million folks receive some sort of benefit.

In 1935 retirements benefits were established, 1939 survivor insurance added, 1952 disability insurance, 1965 Medicare, 1972 SSI benefits and 2003 Part D of Medicare.

25% of older women—SS is their only income—did not work long enough for a pension

600,000 people in CT get some SS benefit.

In 2015 SS will pay out more in benefits that it takes in but even if nothing is done it will be 2037 before benefits would need to be reduced to about 75% of what they are now.

Lots of information on the SS website.

4. Minutes accepted. Add Bette as college rep for Tunxis.
5. Treasurer's report: \$266.29 in checking, \$28.35 in savings. Total \$294 64.
6. Reminder that our chapter 418 meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month except in July and August 10 – noon and the CSEA Delegate Assembly ( Do not have to be a delegate to attend and the more the merrier.) meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday (10 – noon) of each month except July and August.
7. Meeting adjourned about 11:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Bavelas  
Secretary