

WALLINGFORD COMMITTEE ON AGING, INC.
June 16, 2023
MINUTES OF MEETING

ATTENDANCE: Anne Bernick, Evangeline Bourgeois, Tom Daly, Rosemary DeAngelis, George Duffy, Tom Finn, Alberta Flynn, Susan Gomes, Ronald Graziani, Audrey Grove, Tara Knapp and Bill Viola

EXCUSED: Steve Allinson, Karen Anderson, Rocco DiGenova, Jane Fisher and Glenn Havumaki

ABSENT:

President Tom Daly called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

President Tom Daly asked if there were any additions or corrections to the May 19, 2023 Secretary's Report.

Tara Knapp made a motion to accept the May Secretary's Report. Evangeline Bourgeois seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

May 2023 Operating Account Report

Treasurer George Duffy reported for the eleven months ending May 31, 2023. Receipts are \$849,194 which is \$4,924 above the budgeted amount of \$844,270. Expenditures are \$831,412 which is \$12,858 below the budgeted amount. This results in a net positive of \$17,783.

Anne Bernick made a motion to accept the May Operating Account Report. Alberta Flynn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

May 2023 Program Account Report

ED Viola reported in Program Director Karen Anderson's absence. Club 60+ now has 229 members, with 208 of those members having SilverSneakers or Renew Active. The checks from both for April totaled \$4,584. Lake View continues to rebound, with over \$3,400 in profits. There was an overnight trip to Lancaster, PA with 28 members and the commission was a little over \$1,000.

Audrey Grove made a motion to accept the May Program Account Report. Rosemary DeAngelis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Tom Daly asked that the Consent Agenda be accepted.

Tara Knapp made a motion to accept the May Consent Agenda. Susan Gomes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director

Executive Director Bill Viola reported that things have picked up at the Senior Center in terms of attendance and membership. Membership had dipped below for a while but is now back over 4,000. It's been a busy month, with a good part of the focus on the Billiards Room and the Card Room. Both rooms should be completed today. It has been quite a project with the billiard tables being recovered and new carpet installed. Excited about the Staff Appreciation dinner on June 27th at Avanti's Restaurant in Meriden with a good response from staff and the WCOA Board. ED was happy to host the SCOW Spring Concert this past Sunday, led by Evangeline Bourgeois and he read her note of thanks to the Board. Memory Lane staff had a table at the Masonicare Family Festival and Health & Community Resource Fair which was good promotion for the Center. Recently leased a new copier and although the monthly fee is a little more, ED was able to negotiate no shipping fees on supplies. There were a couple of unfortunate incidents recently for the Senior Center. First, someone fell on the bocce courts but fortunately, was not hurt. However, the person did complain about not having rails for the court and called the town about this. The town came out to evaluate and met with Risk Manager Kurt Treiber. Also met with DPW to discuss possible options, and waiting to hear back. Unfortunately, the second incident was on one of our buses. Person in a wheelchair fell over when the bus was turning at an intersection. The bus aide confirmed that she was properly secured on the bus. An ambulance was called and the member did go to the hospital but she seems to be doing okay. The wheelchair was discovered to be broken; but whether it happened prior or because of the accident, is not known. Called Risk Manager Kurt Treiber and filled out an accident form. Hope to start up the Afternoon Canteen program again for coffee, pie, snacks, etc. and currently looking for a couple volunteers to do that.

Program Director

Again, ED Viola reported for programming in Karen Anderson's absence. The new Cardio Drumming class started in May is going well and very popular. Members that take it really love it. Lyman Hall Music Department donated drum sticks which are being used in this class. There was a great talent show a couple weeks ago with 16 acts. Pickleball continues to be scheduled on Wednesdays at Harrison Park. Two members have volunteered to offer lessons and will be organizing the weekly plays via a phone app called TeamReach. Lyman Hall students were here to play bocce and cornhole with our members on May 30th. A shred event was held on June 9th with ProShred, who came for an hour in the morning. This year we charged \$5.00 per car. The Fine Arts, Flowers and Verse was held here the beginning of June on Friday and Saturday with 18 displays. The Senior Center purchased an on-line ad on Wallingford Patch for this and it was viewed over 83,000 times. A combined 200 people came through during both days. Diamond Theatre Company is returning for five shows the end of June for Terms of Endearment. Ticket sales are moving slowly. Thursday evening dinners have not been as well attended recently for a variety of reasons. The Holiday party is scheduled at Testa's in Southington on December 15 with the Cheshire Senior Center.

OLD BUSINESS

Grant Update

We have received reimbursement for the first three months from the SCAAA Grant for the support group and individualized therapy. Received a check for \$25,000 from ARPA for when the funding runs out so that we can continue this program. Still waiting about the AARP funding from the state.

Personnel Committee

ED wanted to thank the members of the Personnel Committee who made significant input in helping the consultant create the new Employee Handbook.

Rosemary DeAngelis made a motion to accept the new WCOA/WSC Employee Handbook as presented. Audrey Grove seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

By-Laws Committee

ED also thanked the By-laws Committee who made suggestions and edits to help update and finalize the by-laws.

Tara Knapp made a motion to accept the amended WCOA By-Laws as presented. Evangeline Bourgeois seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

George Duffy made the motion to adjourn. Alberta Flynn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth H. Johnson
Administrative Assistant