

WALLINGFORD COMMITTEE ON AGING, INC.
February 16, 2024
MINUTES OF MEETING

ATTENDANCE: Steve Allinson, Anne Bernick, Tom Daly, Rosemary DeAngelis, Rocco DiGenova, George Duffy, Tom Finn, Jane Fisher, Alberta Flynn, Susan Gomes, Ronald Graziani, Audrey Grove, Glenn Havumaki, Tara Knapp and Bill Viola

EXCUSED: Karen Anderson and Evangeline Bourgeois

ABSENT:

President Tom Daly called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

President Tom Daly asked if there were any additions or corrections to the January 19, 2024 Secretary's Report.

Alberta Flynn made a motion to accept the January Secretary's Report. Anne Bernick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 2024 Operating Account Report

Treasurer George Duffy reported on the seven months ending January 31, 2024. Receipts are \$577,868 which is \$10,021 above the budgeted amount of \$567,847. Expenditures are \$589,412 which is \$21,564 above the budgeted amount. This results in a net negative of \$11,543. Again, this is due to the timing of some payments, as well as increases from the previous year (i.e., insurance increased 36%, auditor increased 22%, etc.). It should level off by the end of this budget year.

Rosemary DeAngelis made a motion to accept the January Operating Account Report. Tara Knapp seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

January 2024 Program Account Report

ED Bill Viola reported on the Program Account. Club 60+ has 305 members, and 276 of those are with SilverSneakers or Renew Active with an average of 32 per day. There were 1,231 swipes for both resulting in \$2,262 for the month. Seemingly low numbers for January for some reason. However, afternoons are busy in Club 60+ now. Lakeview made \$2,816 after expenses and classes/groups made \$1,708. Currently there is \$12,125 for day trips but it will be paid out in March and April.

Audrey Grove made a motion to accept the January Program Account Report. Glenn Havumaki 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 January Consent Agenda. Steve Allinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director

Executive Director Bill Viola reviewed his trip to Florida in January, the good and bad. Glad to see most everyone is healthy. Past month or two has been a gauntlet with staff absences. The good news is the staff is great and everyone pitches in and helps; nothing had to be cancelled. Recently, we lost a long-time front desk volunteer who passed away unexpectedly. Google statistics indicated that in January our calls went up and reviewed other statistics listed. Received the new bus unexpectedly, so when he returned from vacation, he did what was needed to register the bus and get it on the road. Didn't have enough radios for all the buses now, so did a lot of research for new ones with various companies. Had a two-week trial with new radios from Utilities Communications in Hamden and decided to purchase five new radios. ED met with a cleaning company here on Saturday to have the carpets cleaned. Helped with moving furniture and was happy with the end result. The striping and waxing of the tiled floors will be done next. Took down and repainted the ceiling tiles that were stained; there was quite a number of them. Looks better. Work on the HVAC system has continued; many dampers and thermostats have been replaced. However, some areas are still cold. The company will look into it.

Program Director

Executive Director Bill Viola reported that tax preparation was a nightmare with AARP. They didn't have enough preparers so we could only offer limited days in February. Finally, they came back with some additional appointments for March and April. People were very angry about the process, which wasn't the Senior Center's fault. Annual R band winter concert was held here and sponsored by Park and Rec with a pizza lunch beforehand. Pickleball begins in April and have a lot of people for that. Trying to reschedule the Valentine's Day party that was cancelled due to snow. Reviewed upcoming events. Working on getting an Eagles tribute band for June, held indoors.

OLD BUSINESS

FY 24-25 Budget Proposal

ED Viola handed out a copy of the proposed budget. Only missing the increase for health insurance, but budgeted a 6% increase. The date for our budget review meeting with Mayor Cervoni is Tuesday, March 5 at 11:15 a.m. Hoping that Tom and/or Jane will attend with him, if available. Believe the increase we are asking for can be explained and is not unnecessary. Also, proud of the annual report for the past year.

George Duffy made a motion to accept the proposed FY 2024-2025 Budget. Susan Gomes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Grant Review

AASCC ARPA grant for the support groups has \$3,600 left and the town ARPA grant has \$21,270. It should last another couple month, if not more. State ARPA grant is the same as last month. When all the HVAC projects are completed, we will be reimbursed by the state.

Naming of building

The block lettering for IRIS F. PAPALE MUNICIPAL BUILDING was put up on February 12 above the front doors outside. Not intrusive but once you know it's there, can't miss it. ED has been trying to reach the Town Council member that put the naming forward to see about some kind of ceremony but has not been successful. Will continue to pursue this.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed new WSC sign

Shared copies of the estimate for an electrical sign, along with some rough images. Money is going to come out of the programs account, since the sign will be used mostly for advertising programs. ED is excited, because this is a long-time goal. After discussion, he would like to purchase this electronic sign.

Tara Knapp made a motion to approve spending \$38,000 from Program Account Funds for this electronic sign. Tom Finn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee – Proposed slate for March annual meeting

Proposed slate handed out. The Board will be voting at next month's meeting. Couple changes with new officers and members.

OTHER BUSINESS

ED Viola handed out a memo he received from Wallingford Corporation Counsel Janice Small regarding Freedom of Information Act and Ethics training for all Town Boards and Commissions. Must be completed every five years. Training is on February 29, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Jane Fisher made the motion to adjourn. Glenn Havumaki seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth H. Johnson
Administrative Assistant