

WALLINGFORD COMMITTEE ON AGING, INC.
May 17, 2024
MINUTES OF MEETING

ATTENDANCE: Anne Bernick, Rosemary DeAngelis, Rocco DiGenova, Tom Finn, Jane Fisher, Alberta Flynn, Susan Gomes, Audrey Grove, Glenn Havumaki, Tara Knapp, Karin Pyskaty and Bill Viola

EXCUSED: Steve Allinson, Karen Anderson, George Duffy, Evangeline Bourgeois

ABSENT: Ronald Graziani

President Jane Fisher called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

President Jane Fisher asked if there were any additions or corrections to the April 19, 2024 Secretary's Report.

Alberta Flynn made a motion to accept the April Secretary's Report. Glenn Havumaki seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

April 2024 Operating Account Report

Bill Viola reported in George Duffy's absence on the ten months ending April 30, 2024. Receipts are \$820,302.51 which is \$9,090.85 above the budgeted amount of \$811,211.66. Expenditures are \$810,989.56 which is \$222.10 below the budgeted amount. All of this results in a net positive of \$9,312.95.

Tom Finn made a motion to accept the April Operating Account Report. Rosemary DeAngelis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

April 2024 Program Account Report

Executive Director reported in Program Director Karen Anderson's absence that Club 60+ now has 331 members, 300 of which have SilverSneakers or Renew Active. For March, there was a total of 1,289 swipes resulting in \$2,868. Lake View made \$3,289 after expenses and the afternoon canteen is plugging along. Currently selling tickets for the Eagles concert in June and looking forward to the concert. There were several trips in April, including one to France, and the center received a commission of \$2,225.

Anne Bernick made a motion to accept the April Program Account Report. Tara Knapp seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Jane Fisher asked that the Consent Agenda be accepted.

Rosemary DeAngelis made a motion to accept the April Consent Agenda. Karin Pyskaty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director

Executive Director William Viola reported that the Volunteer Luncheon at Testa's in Southington last month received a lot of positive feedback. It was a very nice event and we received a thank you note from the quilting ladies which was shared. At George Duffy's suggestion, ED made a list of improvements that have been made to the Senior Center at no cost to the town which he handed out to the board. Dealing with coverage issues in Lakeview since the backup person is going out for surgery so can't cover for Mary Glenn, who is on vacation. Next week's Thursday night dinner will be provided by Dad's Restaurant. Meriden Senior Center came in for a second time to view our building since they are building one. ED wasn't able to be here so Carmela gave them a tour and did a great job. The cost of the new sign he ordered for outside was increased by \$3,000 to accommodate SCOW on the sign. The Senior Center hosted an International Day held by SCOW and the BOE. ED showed a video that was taken of the event with a mariachi group and many different dance groups. On Sunday the Center is hosting another event for SCOW which is an end of year celebration.

Program Director

Again, Executive Director Bill Viola reported for Program Director Karen Anderson that Thursday evening dinners at Lake View and cabarets began in April and are going well. Choate art students were in to draw some of our members and shared a picture that was in their news bulletin. Had the Governor's Foot Guard on April 15 with 145 in attendance. Reviewed other past events. Unfortunately, the Chikowe family is not available to provide music for the Flowers, Arts & verse on the Saturday, June 8. Had them in the past but will have to find other music. The Wallingford Garden Club has been providing arrangements in our lobby, and have a real nice one this month celebrating Memorial Day. Eagles experience tickets are going well, with 66 sold.

OLD BUSINESS

FY 24-25 Budget Update

Hadn't heard anything from the mayor so thought the budget was ok. But Jane Fisher indicated the budget had been posted and the Senior Center's budget was cut by \$32,00 by the mayor and ED was not aware. This means the Facilities Assistant position ED had asked for will not be added. Currently, we have a former bus driver that already works here to cover for transportation and will add additional hours for him to do some things for ED. No questions at the April 29 Budget Public Hearing.

Grants Review

AASCC grant has a remaining balance of \$1,250 and the Town ARPA funds have a balance of \$17,630. It's good to be able to provide the help with the support groups. Checked on the \$98,527.82 reimbursement from the State of CT for the HVAC project and after sending additional paperwork ED has been told it is being processed.

Program Director Opening

Received almost 200 applications and after sifting through them ED did 12 on-line interviews. From that there were six people asked to do in person interviews but ended up with five. Committee included Susan Gomes, Carmella and Karen. Each person on the committee had a different perspective. It was a good process and had strong candidates. Last interview was a winner with great experience and would have been a real coup. Accepted offer but five days later called and said she would not be accepting. Talked about remaining candidates, and decided to offer the job to Erin, the Program Coordinator. Will now have to hire for her position.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff Appreciation Dinner

The annual staff appreciation dinner will be on Wednesday, June 26 at 5:00 pm at Millpond Gatherings in Northford. Handed out a menu and asked the Board to RSVP to him via email.

OTHER BUSINESS

Will be having a retirement program for Karen (in June's newsletter) on Friday, June 28. The cost of \$5 will include a sandwich, chips and drink or people can just show up for cake. All should register like a normal program.

ADJOURNMENT

Tara Knapp made the motion to adjourn. Audrey Grove seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth H. Johnson
Administrative Assistant