

WALLINGFORD COMMITTEE ON AGING, INC.
October 21, 2022
MINUTES OF MEETING

ATTENDANCE: Karen Anderson, Anne Bernick, Evangeline Bourgeois, Tom Daly, Rosemary DeAngelis, Rocco DiGenova, George Duffy, Jane Fisher, Susan Gomes, Ronald Graziani, Audrey Grove, Tara Knapp and William Viola

EXCUSED: Steve Allinson, Tom Finn, Alberta Flynn and Glenn Havumaki

ABSENT:

President Tom Daly called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

President Tom Daly asked if there were any additions or corrections to the September 16, 2022 Secretary's Report.

Tara Knapp made a motion to accept the September Secretary's Report as presented. Audrey Grove seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

September 2022 Operating Account Report

Treasurer Ron Graziani reported for the month ending September 30, 2022. Receipts are \$230,976 which is \$721 above the budgeted amount of \$230,255. Expenditures are \$227,318 which is \$2,937 below the budgeted amount. This results in a net positive of \$3,658.

Rosemary DeAngelis made a motion to accept the September Operating Account Report. Susan Gomes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

September 2022 Program Account Report

Program Director Karen Anderson reported that we made about \$1700 on trips in September but paid out a lot in August to cover these. Have a couple more trips planned for this year. Hoping our trips in 2023 will pick up, although not planning any trips to the casinos due to costs rising for buses. A discussion followed about possibly using a WSC bus for a trip. SilverSneakers produced \$1,852 (1,046 swipes) for August and \$1,7746 (985 swipes) for September. Have contracted with Renew Active and hope to have it in a month or so. Lake View Café is holding its own, with \$1800 for September. Have talked about increasing the prices at the beginning of the year to cover food costs. ED clarified that the program account averages approximately \$2,000 a month profit, so we are not losing money.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

President Tom Daly asked that the Consent Agenda be accepted.

Audrey Grove made a motion to accept the September Consent Agenda. Jane Fischer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director

ED Bill Viola reported that WCOA's 990 was filed electronically with the IRS and with the State. Copies of the Financial Statement and 990 was sent to the Mayor, Town Council and Comptroller and is in the binder at the Front Desk. Celebrate Wallingford was pretty successful despite the weather. Handed out surveys for the long-range plan and the LRP consultant was there one day to interact with people to gather information. Thanked Evangeline, Rosemary and Ron for helping out. Bought a new sandwich maker refrigeration unit for Lake View Two-thirds of it was paid for with memorial donations in memory of Delia Mrazik, a long-time member. There is a plaque in Lake View. Had some problems with an automatic door in front, and ended up needing the motor replaced. The service man that came out gave it to the Center free of charge because we are a non-profit. Completed performance evaluations and met individually with staff, as well as asking staff to review and update/change job descriptions, as needed. The Town Program Planning department contacted ED asking for information for a state grant, similar to when this building was built. They responded that it was very helpful. Received an additional \$4,000 from the finalization of the George Alvarez estate which is on top of the \$132,000 received last year. Read a letter to the Board that was in the Record Journal's Letter To The Editor section written by Rajan Doering. He praised the Senior Center and all the things offered. It was very complimentary and thanked him profusely. Next week is Red Ribbon Week in Wallingford to raise awareness of drug abuse with events scheduled throughout the week. There will be a Change the Script van at the Center on Monday. ED will be on vacation in Florida next Thursday, October 27 and returning to work two weeks later on November 11. Sure staff will do a good job in his absence. Voting here on November 8 and a Veteran's Day program on November 10, and closed on November 11. Attended a Town of Wallingford Virtual ARPA Business and Nonprofit Application Webinar on October 12 and downloaded the application. Can apply for up to \$25K funding for the negative impacts suffered due to Covid. A discussion ensued about how the Center was impacted and how to use the funding.

Program Director

Program Director Karen Anderson reported that there was an End of Summer party with Cheshire which was a lot of fun. Reviewed other past events. There will be a walk-in Flu Clinic here on November 3 by the VNA. The Holiday Fair is on November 5, with the raffle starting on Monday with 55 different prizes. Last six months have had a Monitor My Health health education series, proven to prevent type 2 diabetes and heart disease. It was very successful and positive and the participants did not want it to end. It will be extended to the end of the year. Working on a grief support group with the Social Services Coordinator for the end of November. Attended a conference with the Program Coordinator to view entertainers to hire for programs and there are a few that look possible for 2023.

OLD BUSINESS

LRP Update

Handed out information compiled from the consultant, Emily Melnick. Would still like to get more information from community partners. The Committee will meet again and discuss goals after ED's vacation.

NEW BUSINESS

Insurance Review

Handed out a summary of insurance coverages and the costs from the insurance company. ED feels we are adequately covered. A discussion followed about security at the Center, which has numerous cameras and panic buttons.

OTHER BUSINESS

Tom Daly announced that the Wallingford Rotary's 3rd Annual Restaurant Raffle has begun with 2,000 tickets for sale. He will bring tickets to the next meeting, providing they're still available. The drawing will be on Wednesday, December 7.

ADJOURNMENT

George Duffy made the motion to adjourn. Rosemary DeAngelis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth H. Johnson
Administrative Assistant