

**WALLINGFORD COMMITTEE ON AGING, INC.**  
**November 18, 2022**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**

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

**EXCUSED:** Evangeline Bourgeois and Tara Knapp

**ABSENT:**

President Tom Daly called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He then introduced Town Councilor Sam Carmody who came to speak to the WCOA Board. Mr. Carmody proposed that the Town Council name the Senior Center after Iris Papale, a long time Town Council member. The logistics of the naming were discussed. It was decided that WCOA would support the Town Council but would have six months to decide the degree of integration of the name change.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

President Tom Daly asked if there were any additions or corrections to the October 21, 2022 Secretary's Report.

**Steve Allinson made a motion to accept the October Secretary's Report as presented. Rosemary DeAngelis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**October 2022 Operating Account Report**

Treasurer Ron Graziani reported for the month ending October 31, 2022. Receipts are \$308,913 which is \$1,906 above the budgeted amount of \$307,007. Expenditures are \$294,809 which is \$12,198 below the budgeted amount. This results in a net positive of \$14,104.

**Glenn Havumaki made a motion to accept the October Operating Account Report. Alberta Flynn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**October 2022 Program Account Report**

Program Director Karen Anderson reported that two overnight trips were cancelled in October, so there wasn't any money for trips last month. SilverSneakers netted \$1,746 for September and Renew Active is being set up in our system. Planning price increases for Lake View Café beginning January 1, 2023 to help cover the increased food costs.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

President Tom Daly asked that the Consent Agenda be accepted.

**Steve Allinson made a motion to accept the October Consent Agenda. Alberta Flynn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Executive Director**

ED Bill Viola reported that he didn't have much to report since he was away on vacation for two weeks since the last meeting. Actually added on four days since his returning flight was cancelled because of a hurricane and he returned on Sunday. Staff did a wonderful job running everything in his absence. There was a successful Holiday fair on November 5, which Karen will discuss in her report. Also had a few political candidates visit, one of which was Rosa DeLauro. While it was exciting, there was some shouting and arguing that took place. We had what I heard was a wonderful Veterans Day program which I unfortunately missed. Good news about marketing of the Center. Working with Rajan Doering who is going to put some short articles about the WSC in the upcoming Wallingford Magazine. Also, was contacted by the Record Journal and they are also going to feature the WSC in the paper. Apparently, they want to start featuring more senior center activities and asked that we send any photos with a brief description. ED will be away for the next Board meeting visiting his youngest daughter in England but will prepare a written report. Should be a light agenda.

### **Program Director**

Program Director Karen Anderson reported that there was a Halloween Bash on October 28 with performer Ashly Cruz. Also had Lyman Hall High School students come to play bocce and corn hole with our members, which was a success. The Holiday Fair was on November 5 and well attended. Used Choate students and volunteers to help with setup and breaking down of tables, as well as clean-up afterwards. Great Veteran's Day program on November 10. The Center is participating in Holiday for Giving again this year with donations accepted up to December 5. A member donated 15 small turkeys and other food donations will be given to Masters Manna.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **LRP Update**

The LRP Committee met with the consultant, Emily Melnick this past Monday where she presented an initial draft of the Long-Range Plan. She will be meeting with key staff on November 30 to obtain additional information. ED had talked to Emily to discuss whether this was a 3-year plan or a 5-year plan. Hoping to have a final draft for the committee to review and complete this process.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Grant Application Update**

ED received award letters from the Agency on Aging for 3 grants he applied for - \$6,000 for a grief support group; \$6,000 for a Covid Support Group; and \$7,500 for individual therapy sessions. Has nearly completed the application for ARPA funding to supplementing all three by an additional \$25,000. Plan to have the application completed by next week before the deadline of December 9, 2022.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Rosemary DeAngelis made the motion to adjourn. Susan Gomes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth H. Johnson  
Administrative Assistant