

WALLINGFORD COMMITTEE ON AGING, INC.

January 20, 2023

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, Tara Knapp and William Viola

EXCUSED: Evangeline Bourgeois

ABSENT:

President Tom Daly called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

President Tom Daly asked if there were any additions or corrections to the December 16, 2022 Secretary's Report. Rosemary DeAngelis pointed out that the program and development account reports have an old date of July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.

Alberta Flynn made a motion to accept the December Secretary's Report with correction. Rosemary DeAngelis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 2022 Operating Account Report

Treasurer Ron Graziani reported for the month ending December 31, 2022. Receipts are \$466,568 which is \$6,057 above the budgeted amount of \$460,511. Expenditures are \$447,072 which is \$13,439 below the budgeted amount. This results in a net positive of \$19,496.

Glen Havumaki made a motion to accept the December Operating Account Report. Audrey Grove seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

December 2022 Program Account Report

Program Director Karen Anderson reported that programs ended December pretty well. There were three trips for a total of 55 passengers. Lake View Café broke even which was good considering the freezer broke down and a lot of food spoiled. Also, it was closed between Christmas and New Year. Club 60 now has 189 members. There were 871 SilverSneaker swipes resulting in a check for \$1,674 and 350 swipes from Renew Active for \$684, both for November. Currently, using half the money to pay the instructors with the other have going towards the budget. Hope to increase the salaries for instructors in the future. Overall, December counts were down due to all the illnesses but programs were still well attended.

Anne Bernick made a motion to accept the December 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 December Consent Agenda. Susan Gomes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director

ED Bill Viola reported that he had a great visit in London to see his daughter. It was an interesting holiday season with just about every one of the staff out ill with Covid or an upper respiratory illness, himself included. Had a staff holiday get together scheduled in December but had to reschedule to this month because of absences. Despite not being 100%, managed to decorate and celebrate with members. A lot of help with volunteers and everyone pitched in. Grateful the weather has been tame because the heat is still not working properly in the offices and some other areas. Met with DPW in November and they are working on it; still one unit on the roof not working and trying to repair it. Hopefully, things will be resolved soon. Signed up for space in the Wallingford Magazine and will also have a couple interviews featured. ED discussed increasing prices in Lake View with Karen and Mary. Have been seeing more people returning and want to have the senior center be a place where the people can come and get food for reasonable prices. It was decided not to raise the prices of the food but to charge for extras and to-go meals. Will reassess in July. Went to a Wallingford Community Resource Alliance meeting and the discussion was that community health needs assessment. Handed out copies of the community health assessment. Mental health is at the top of the list; it is expanding at the center. Recently, the majority of ED's time has been spent on the upcoming budget and the LRP. Also, handed out board election chart and stated if anyone does not want to sign up for an additional 3-year term, let him know. ED will be absent at the next meeting in February which is why he distributed the slate now.

Program Director

Program Director Karen Anderson reported that the Wallingford Magazine has been coming in for a lot of programs and talking to people in preparation for articles about the Wallingford Senior Center. Had a nice article in Record Journal about all the programs offered and shared it with the Board. Erin will be putting an ad in the Wallingford Patch for a play which will be April. It is a comedy about elections. December went by in a flurry of parties. Everyone pitched in and helped. Had the annual holiday party with Cheshire and unfortunately, il Monticello's, where it was held, is closing in April. Reviewed other events held in December. Tomorrow is the "R" band winter concert with a pizza lunch before the concert. The annual donation of hats, scarfs, blankets, etc. from our knitters and crocheters donated 3,021 items. Some of the places receiving donations were named. The quilters also donated some of their items to the West Haven VA. Also had a toy drive and Holiday for Giving. Tax time is almost here and have already started taking appointments two days a week. AARP has less people preparing taxes this year. A suggestion was made to use Sign up Genius for the taxes for making appointments, a reminder of appointments, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

LRP Update

The consultant, Emily has been meeting with people and ED had a final document which was handed out to the Board. He hopes to have it approved at the February meeting after meeting with the committee one more time.

Grant Application Update

AASCC grant is in place and scheduling support groups and individual therapy groups for March. It is a little more detailed now. We have to pay upfront and then will be reimbursed. Still good that we will be providing this extra service. Unfortunately, don't know about the ARPA grant.

NEW BUSINESS

Building Renaming

ED would like to form a committee to talk about the renaming of the Senior Center. George Duffy has volunteered to be on the committee (and chair) and asked for others. Anne Bernick, Alberta Flynn and Rosemary DeAngelis volunteered to be on that committee. ED does not have an objection to the town putting a sign on the building with her name on it but anything else would need to be discussed. It will still be called Wallingford Senior Center. A discussion followed about a sign with the new name being partly covered by the town.

Proposed Budget Preview

Handed out a proposed FY 22-23 budget for review. Received costs from the Mayor to incorporate into the budget. The bus aides will receive a 7% increase with the minimum wage increase, which causes the drivers to need an increase as well. Requesting 5% for staff which is above the normal 2% due in part to inflation. Don't have the date for a meeting with the Mayor, but would like some support from Tom and/or George. It is usually in late February and will let them know when he receives the date.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Alberta Flynn made the motion to adjourn. Audrey Grove seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth H. Johnson
Administrative Assistant