

**WALLINGFORD COMMITTEE ON AGING, INC.**  
**March 17, 2023**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**ATTENDANCE:** Karen Anderson, Anne Bernick, Evangeline Bourgeois, Tom Daly, Rosemary DeAngelis, Rocco DiGenova, George Duffy, Jane Fisher, Alberta Flynn, Susan Gomes, Ronald Graziani, Audrey Grove and Bill Viola.

**EXCUSED:** Steve Allinson, Glenn Havumaki, Tom Finn and Tara Knapp

**ABSENT:**

President Tom Daly called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

President Tom Daly asked if there were any additions or corrections to the February 17, 2023 Secretary's Report.

**George Duffy made a motion to accept the February Secretary's Report. Rosemary DeAngelis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**February 2023 Operating Account Report**

Treasurer Ron Graziani reported for the eight months ending February 28, 2023. Receipts are \$617,711 which is \$3,695 above the budgeted amount of \$614,015. Expenditures are \$579,138 which is \$34,877 below the budgeted amount. This results in a net positive of \$38,572.

**Alberta Flynn made a motion to accept the February Operating Account Report. Audrey Grove seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**February 2023 Program Account Report**

Program Director Karen Anderson reported that the SilverSneakers and Activity Health checks are rolling in. Currently, we have 203 members for Club 60+ with 182 members belonging to SilverSneakers or Renew Active. The month of January had a total of 1,026 swipes resulting in checks for a total of \$2,451. Have been checking on the swipes that are not going through to see if members' insurance has changed in the new year. Lake View Café had a \$1,600 profit for February. There weren't any trips in February, but have two trips coming up in March – one to Newport Playhouse and another to Northern Italy. So overall, the Program Account looks good.

**Anne Bernick made a motion to accept the February Program Account Report. Susan Gomes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

President Tom Daly asked that the Consent Agenda be accepted.

**Ronald Graziani made a motion to accept the February Consent Agenda. Rosemary DeAngelis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Executive Director**

Executive Director Bill Viola reported that he is looking forward to the arrival of spring! Did close the WSC for a day a couple weeks ago due to snow, and earlier this week he closed early but it ended up not being necessary. The other issue is it continues to be cold in parts of the building and ED has continually been in contact with Public Works. It has been too long and is still not operating properly. Susan Gomes asked if the Board could do something. ED will be patient a little bit longer and will wait another month before taking any action. There was another issue in the building last week. The urinal in the men's room was flushing nonstop so ED tried to fix it but the water ended up pouring out like a fire hydrant (in ED's face). Finally turned off the water and called Public Works, who was able to fix it temporarily. Then ordered a new part which was installed by a plumber. Tomorrow morning will be meeting with a company to install a donated 75-inch TV from Walmart Academy in the Activity Room. Hopefully, will also be able to connect the surround sound system that we have which will be a nice improvement. Another project ED has been working on is the Billiards Room. Need to get the carpet replaced and the pool tables recovered and trying to coordinate both projects. It is expensive but it needs to be done. Also, having some personnel issues. In transportation, hired a per diem driver who is training today but need to hire another driver for one or two days a week. It is not easy to find someone these days. In Lake View, Mary Glenn will be out for eight weeks; need to hire some temporary help there. ED will be hosting a CASCP mini-conference here on March 30 to discuss improving mental health. Will be attending a meeting at the Town Hall with Joann Hummel on March 23<sup>rd</sup> regarding affordable housing in Wallingford, hosted by South Central Region of Governments and Wallingford Planning and Zoning. Last Wednesday went to an event hosted by the Historical Society honoring Carolyn Massoni for International Women's Day. Lots of people attended, including the mayor and it was a very nice event.

### **Program Director**

Program Director Karen Anderson reported that the AARP tax preparation appointments are going well with two days of full schedules, despite having one preparer out. Continue to refer calls to VITA. Had Diamond Theater here the end of February and just about broke even with the five shows. The next dates will be June with the play "Terms of Endearment". Unsure of license restrictions but hoping to reduce the number of shows to three shows. Reviewed upcoming events. Mentioned Friday, April 21 for the Volunteer Luncheon at il Monticello's beginning at 1:00 with entertainment at 2:00. The Board is invited to attend. Talked about a couple new classes that are starting up for members, along with pickleball classes.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Grant Application Update**

The support groups started meeting this month and have been well received. The therapist will bill the Senior Center and in turn, ED will bill the Agency on Aging. Still don't know about the ARPA grant.

### **Budget Update**

Met with the mayor and others two weeks ago regarding the proposed budget. Went well but the mayor questioned the wage increases for staff. Still have the public hearing, which is tentatively scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup> and meeting with the Town Council on April 18<sup>th</sup>. The Town Council requests additional information which ED has provided. Did learn that the health insurance was lower than projected, so the budget request is about \$4,000 less.

### **Building Naming Committee Report**

George Duffy reported that the committee has had two meetings regarding the naming. Very much in

agreement that the renaming is just for the building, not the Senior Center. Handed out a draft letter the committee prepared with ED to send to Mayor Dickinson, Chairman Cervoni and the Town Council regarding the committee's decision. Also, requesting that WCOA have input on the signage, which the Town Council had previously indicated would not be an expense to the WCOA. If the Board approves, ED will send the letter.

**Alberta Flynn made a motion to approve the letter to Mayor Dickinson, Chairman Cervoni and the Town Councilors. Audrey Grove seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Election of WCOA Members and Officers**

The proposed slate of WCOA officers and four members for re-election to the WCOA Board was presented for approval:

- President                      Tom Daly                      (3<sup>rd</sup> one-year term)
- Vice President                Alberta Flynn                (3<sup>rd</sup> one-year term)
- Treasurer                      George Duffy                (1<sup>st</sup> one-year term)
- Secretary                      Susan Gomes                (2<sup>nd</sup> one-year term)
  
- Albert Flynn                    (2<sup>nd</sup> three-year term)
- Anne Bernick                 (3<sup>rd</sup> three-year term)
- Rosemary DeAngelis        (2<sup>nd</sup> three-year term)
- Thomas Finn                 (3<sup>rd</sup> three-year term)

**Audrey Grove made a motion to accept the slate of WCOA officers and four members for re-election to the WCOA Board of Directors as presented. George Duffy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

As required every two years, ED is asking the By-laws Committee to review the WCOA By-laws and the Personnel Committee to review the Personal Policies and Procedures manual. Also, Rocco DiGenova mentioned that the Wallingford Magazine had a very nice two-page article about the Wallingford Senior Center and it was good advertisement.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Audrey Grove made the motion to adjourn. Susan Gomes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Beth H. Johnson  
Administrative Assistant