

**WALLINGFORD COMMITTEE ON AGING, INC.**  
**May 19, 2023**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**ATTENDANCE:** Karen Anderson, Anne Bernick, Tom Daly, Rosemary DeAngelis, Rocco DiGenova, Tom Finn, Jane Fisher, Alberta Flynn, Susan Gomes, Ronald Graziani, Audrey Grove, Tara Knapp and Bill Viola

**EXCUSED:** Steve Allinson, Evangeline Bourgeois, George Duffy and Glenn Havumaki

**ABSENT:**

President Tom Daly called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

President Tom Daly asked if there were any additions or corrections to the April 21, 2023 Secretary's Report.

**Ron Graziani made a motion to accept the April Secretary's Report. Tara Knapp seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**April 2023 Operating Account Report**

ED Bill Viola reported in Treasurer George Duffy's absence the ten months ending April 30, 2023. Receipts are \$769,259.35 which is \$1,741.02 above the budgeted amount of \$767,518.33. Expenditures are \$741,207.82 which is \$26,310.51 below the budgeted amount. This results in a net positive of \$28,051.53.

**Alberta Flynn made a motion to accept the April Operating Account Report. Jane Fisher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**April 2023 Program Account Report**

Program Director Karen Anderson reported that received a check from Tivity Health for \$3,456 for March and Renew Active's check for March was \$1,188. Club 60+ now has 182 members with SilverSneakers or Renew Active. Lake View Café is doing okay; had \$1,249 income for April. The trip to Botanical Garden Orchid Show had 31 passengers and made \$120.

**Anne Bernick made a motion to accept the April Program Account Report. Audrey Grove 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 April Consent Agenda. Ron Graziani seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**



## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Executive Director**

Executive Director Bill Viola reported that unfortunately, a really awful incident happened yesterday at the Senior Center. Two member's purses were stolen from participates in Memory Lane. He was able to get a picture of the person with the security cameras currently in place. Gave details to the Wallingford Police Department and also a picture of the suspect. This occurred within 6 minutes after 2:00 p.m. It is violation of our space here and ED feels terrible. Thinking of a lot of different things, security-wise. Talked about the Police Department coming down and talking about security with our members. It has certainly shattered our feeling of safety. A discussion followed about security and safety at the Senior Center. Beyond that, things have been feeling back to normal. Building is very alive, with lines at Lake View Cafe. Membership has increased with new members. It's good to feel normal again. Found help for the Lake View kitchen, and he is a very nice guy. ED is doing the shopping for the kitchen, which is challenging. Have a new appreciation for those that have done these things in the past. A bus driver was needed for one or two days; posted in the newspaper but didn't get any response. ED was able to fill the spot through contacts that our transportation coordinator had so we're in good shape now. Carpets will be cleaned this afternoon in the Activity Room and the Game Room. Project for the Billiards Room is still on track for June 13-16. George Duffy and ED met with the Mayor and Comptroller on April 26<sup>th</sup> regarding the Employee Retention Credit refund of \$149,063. The Mayor directed that the money remains with the WCOA, knowing that it will be used wisely. Public Works Director Rob Baltramitus and Mayor Dickinson came down on May 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss the signage for the naming of the Iris Papale Municipal Building. It will be block letters, similar to the Park & Recs David Doherty Municipal Building. When the sign is finished, there will be a ceremony for the naming. Reviewed maintenance and repairs throughout the Center.

### **Program Director**

Program Director Karen Anderson thanked everyone who attended the Volunteer Luncheon. There were about 107 attendees with The Coconuts for entertainment. It was all very good and the bags were well received. Hope to have The Coconuts back, possibly for an end of summer event with Cheshire Senior Center. Cardio drumming program is going very well. Scheduled for twice a month. Did change the day and the time and still got complaints. Last Saturday we had our Mother's Day program with magician Lyn Dillies, who was very good. Overall, it went very well with help from volunteers. The Talent Show is this afternoon with 16 acts. Should be a lot of fun. Pickleball courts were reserved at Harrison Park for our members from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Needs to be a little more organized. Fine Arts, Flowers and Verse is on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. There are about 16 displays on both days. Diamond Theater will be doing Terms of Endearment, June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Grant Application Update**

Completed the application for the State of CT AARP grant, along with all the paperwork needed including a letter from the Mayor. Applied for the money to pay for a new replacement roof top unit and control panels, thermostats, etc. for the entire facility. It was submitted earlier this week. The other two AARP grants are already in place and funding our grief and loss support groups which have been well received.

### **Personnel Committee Report**

The consultant, Nick Daukut from KaardasLarson submitted an initial draft to ED and they've been meeting to discuss. The final document is really close and is now with the committee for review. Things have changed with the laws and the current environment we're in, so we are working to get it right. Hope to have a final to present to the Board at the June meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Bus Purchase**

As mentioned earlier, the WCOA now has the money received from the Employee Retention Tax Credit from the IRS and it will be used to buy a new bus. A bus we purchased in 2019 cost \$66,872. Now it will cost \$122,640. It could take up to year and a half to receive it but ED ordered it and gave a \$10,000 deposit. Everything has increased.

### **Staff Appreciation Dinner**

The Staff Appreciation dinner will be held on Tuesday, June 27 at 5:00 p.m. at Avanti's in South Meriden. The Board is invited and will receive an invitation.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Audrey Grove made the motion to adjourn. Anne Bernick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth H. Johnson  
Administrative Assistant