

**Chaplin Senior Center
Board of Directors
132 Chaplin Street
Chaplin, CT 06235**

The Board of Directors for the Chaplin Senior Center met for its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 in the Senior Center craft room.

Members present: Chairperson Irene Schein, Vice Chair Ann Lewis, Crystal Gebhardt, Ellen Gillon, Robin Hoagland, Dawn Gilbert, Janice Godaire, Sally Ireland. Director Lisa Kegler was also present.

1. **Irene Schein called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.** Sally Ireland was seated as an alternate for Carl Linkkila.
2. **Audience for Citizens:** none present. **Additions and Changes to the Agenda:** The date of the minutes to be approved was changed to April 2, 2024. An item was added: "Changes to the policy on use of the multi-function room". The item "Strategy To Extend Our Reach" was deleted.
3. **Minutes:** The minutes of the Board Meeting of April 2, 2024 were approved unanimously after a motion was initiated by Janice Godaire and seconded by Ellen Gillon.
4. **Old Business**

4a. **Director's Report:** Special Revenue Fund: \$39,277.38. Cash on hand: \$374.77. Dues for 2024 paid to date: \$1,859. Number of members is 405 with 5 new members. There is no new correspondence.

Lisa Kegler reported that the annual Plant and Grinder Sale is happening this Saturday. On Friday, volunteers for set up should arrive at 9 am. Lisa and volunteers will pick up hanging baskets on Friday. On Saturday, volunteers should arrive at 9 am. Shirley will run the raffle table. Joyce, Dawn, Lin, and Robin will volunteer in the kitchen. Janice and Lisa will add up people's orders. Irene and Crystal will be cashiers.

There was discussion of how to organize the sale of hanging baskets which are always in big demand. Hank Swart will help supervise. Volunteers will be given priority for hanging baskets. There are 135 orders for grinders; 150 is the cut off limit.

Monday at 12:30 pm the May Artist, Ann Willisma will hold an artist's reception. In the dining room. Wednesday May 29th the Dixie Cats will perform Dixieland Jazz in the dining room. The line dancing class is going well with a new 3 week session starting Thursday. There will be a Plant Swap on June 15, 10-12 under the tent for people to bring plants to trade. The Lindquist's tag sale to benefit the Senior Center resulted in a

donation of \$747. April Artist Sue Peifer donated \$200 of proceeds from sale of her art. The family who used the multi-function room for a memorial service donated \$200.

Lisa will be on vacation for 2 weeks starting May 14th. Lin, the assistant Director, will cover for Lisa and volunteers will assist also.

4b. **Art Committee Update.** Victoria, the art committee chair, was absent but Ellen reported that Ann Williams is the May artist and Paul Winfrey will be next.

4c. **Facility Update:** Lisa has been working on the paperwork for the Eastford ARPA Funds. She learned from the First Selectman that \$9,100 in ARPA funds could be available to the Chaplin Senior Center and she awaits a call back from him to learn the details. She hopes to use the funds for upgrading the toilets to the more reliable tankless/touchless type. A plumber is coming today to give an estimate. She plans to use special revenue funds for purchase of round tables for Mexican Train players. She has begun planning for the baseball game outing and is looking into renting a bus.

5. **New Business.** A recent memorial service held in the multi-function room made Lisa aware that review and updates are needed to the policy on use of the multi-function room for outside events. Lisa, Irene, and Ellen will review this policy and report back to the board on their suggestions.
6. **Other items:** Ellen reported that the Chaplin Community Harmony Singers had two performances at the Windham Senior Center. They meet on Thursdays at 10 am at the Chaplin Senior Center for practice/sing-a-long.
7. **The next meeting** will be held on June 4th at 10 am at the Senior Center Craft room.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Lewis
Vice Chair