

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, **December 5, 2023**, in the Senior Center craft room.

Members present: Chairperson Irene Schein, Ellen Gillon, Shirley Rakos, Ann Lewis, Jeanette Haines, Robin Hoagland, Carl Linkkila, and Dawn Gilbert; alternates Joyce St. Lawrence, Janice Godaire, and Victoria Northrop (also acting as recording clerk); Director Lisa Kegler.

- 1. Irene Schein called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.** Joyce was seated as alternate for Crystal Gebhardt.
- 2. Audience for Citizens:** None present.
- 3. Minutes:** The minutes of the Board Meeting of November 7, 2023 were approved after a motion was initiated by Ann Lewis and seconded by Jeanette Haines.
- 4. Old Business**

4a. Director's Report:

- a. Special Revenue Fund: \$40,155.89
- b. Cash on Hand: \$433.10
- c. Membership: 389
- d. Dues Collected for 2024 thus far: \$90
- e. Correspondence: None

Lisa reported that today the Deck the Halls pizza party would take place, with singing provided by the newly organized Chaplin Community Singers. The Center will be offering "Mystery in a Box" once again on upcoming Thursdays. Lunches have gotten back into the normal swing of things and Bob is doing well. Lisa also announced that the tax collector would be at the Center on January 10, 10-1 for the convenience of those who need to pay their taxes. A Christmas dinner is scheduled for December 20th, and a fun new dice game "Left Right Center" is being tried out.

4b. Art Committee Update

Stacy Gendreau's work is currently being exhibited for a six week stretch. Charles McCaughtry is slated for January. On the recommendation of Ann Lewis, Victoria plans

to contact Pat Donahue to see if she is interested in exhibiting in February. Sue Peifer is now planning to show in April 2024. Victoria reached out to Bruce Raymond and found he is not back in the U.S. until April 2024, but he offered to provide his work for an exhibit in absentia if no one else was available in the interim.

Other potential exhibitors for future months are as follows:

- Paul Winfrey (in 2024, potentially)
- Ann Williams
- A Parish Hill or Elementary School Show
- Pat Browne Retrospective
- Fiona Hill
- Victoria Northrop

4c. Update on Renovations

The renovations are almost complete; the final touches on the HVAC system in both the Center and the Library remain.

5. New Business

a) Set Dates, Times, Place for 2024 Meetings

All meetings will take place at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center. As per by-laws, there is no meeting in January or July. The other meetings will take place: Feb. 6, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, Aug. 6, Sept. 3, Oct. 11, Nov. 5, and Dec. 3.

b) Upcoming Events

Please see the Director's report for upcoming events.

c) Chorus Update

Ellen mentioned that she has songs prepared for a sing-along of holiday music at today's pizza/decorating party and has scheduled a sing-along at the Windham Senior Center for the 12th of December. She hopes that the singing group will gather momentum with exposure and evolve from sing-alongs to an established group in the future. The goal of the group is to take joy in the making of music and enjoy the community of music-making.

d) Holiday Staff Bonuses

After Lisa and Dawn recused themselves from the meeting, the Board discussed the annual holiday bonuses for the following town employees: For the DPW employees who consistently help out at the Senior Center, the Board allocated as follows: for Dave Stone \$200, for Ben Wait and Jake Garrison, \$150 each. After some discussion, the Board allocated the following to the regular employees who go above and beyond on a regular basis: For Bob \$800, for Lynn, \$600, for Dawn, \$600, and for Lisa,

\$1000. Ann Lewis made a motion to approve these figures, which was seconded by Shirley Rakos and passed unanimously.

- 6. Suggestions for Next Regular Meeting:** None at the moment.
- 7. Next Meeting Date:** February 6, 2024 @ 10 a.m. There will be no January meeting.
- 8. Adjournment:** the meeting was adjourned at 10.21

Minutes submitted by Victoria Northrop, recording clerk