

**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, **November 7, 2023**, in the Chaplin Public Library.

Members present: Chairperson Irene Schein, Ellen Gillon, Ann Lewis, Crystal Gebhardt, Jeanette Haines, Robin Hoagland, and Dawn Gilbert; alternates 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.** Alternates Godaire and Northrop were seated for Rakos and Linkkila.
- 2. Audience for Citizens:** None present.
- 3. Minutes:** The minutes of the Board Meeting of October 3, 2023 were approved after a motion was initiated by Ellen and seconded by Dawn. Jeanette abstained as she had not been present at the meeting.
- 4. Old Business**

**4a. Director's Report:**

- a. Special Revenue Fund: \$40,472.75
- b. Cash on Hand: \$192.36
- c. Membership: 389
- d. Dues Collected for 2024: \$90
- e. Correspondence: None

The Flu clinic went well, with lots of participation. Medicare checkups will happen soon and are fully booked already. There is a Country Breakfast fundraiser scheduled for November 22<sup>nd</sup>, featuring a full pancake spread with all the sides for \$6. A Thanksgiving lunch is planned for November 20<sup>th</sup>. Bob Grindle will be returning as cook at that time.

**4b. Art Committee Update**

Due to the delay with the delay with the renovations the next artist, Stacy Gendreau, will be showing for a six week stretch from late November and for December 2023. Sue Peifer is now planning to show in April 2024. Victoria is reaching out to Bruce

Raymond to see if he would like to do a month in January, Feb, or March 2024. If Bruce is unable, then we will try to organize the Browne retrospective.

Other potential exhibitors for future months suggested by the Art Committee and other Board members 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 well underway. The flooring space is being prepped and the tile will be installed soon. Randy Godaire was able to install the new electrical outlets as the Board had approved earlier. The process is going slightly slower than anticipated and is about 2 weeks behind schedule.

### **5. New Business**

#### **a) Review Past Events**

Crystal mentioned the trunk-or-treat that happened at Garrison in October and suggested that next autumn perhaps the Senior Center would like to participate or do a trick-or-treat hosting of their own.

#### **b) Upcoming Events**

The Board members and Director mentioned the town Tree Lighting, various upcoming craft shows, and a holiday meal with pizza decoration. Crystal was interested in possibly getting a macramé class going.

#### **c) Chorus Update**

Ellen mentioned that she is hosting a meeting tomorrow, November 8, at 1 pm in the Senior Center lounge to discuss the potential singing group of harmony singers who would be putting together a performance to celebrate the season and the joy of music.

#### **d) Holiday Considerations**

In addition to the events mentioned under point b), Lisa and the Board discussed a Holiday Decorating Party and a Christmas meal. Lisa also asked for volunteers to help with prep (peeling in particular) for the various holiday meals.

### **6. Suggestions for Next Regular Meeting: None at the moment.**

**7. Next Meeting Date:** December 5, 2023 @ 10 a.m. There will be no January meeting.

**8. Adjournment:** the meeting was adjourned at 10.24

Minutes submitted by Victoria Northrop, recording clerk