

**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, **October 3, 2023**, in the Senior Center craft room.

Members present: Chairperson Irene Schein, Shirley Rakos, Ellen Gillon, Carl Linkkila, Ann Lewis, Robin Hoagland, and Dawn Gilbert; alternates Janice Godaire, Joyce St. Lawrence, 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 St. Lawrence, were seated for Gebhardt and Haines.
- 2. Audience for Citizens:** None present.
- 3. Minutes:** The minutes of the Board Meeting of September 5, 2023 were approved after a motion was initiated by Janice and seconded by Ellen. Dawn and Anne abstained as they had not been present at the meeting.
- 4. Old Business**

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

- a. Special Revenue Fund: \$42,016.16
- b. Cash on Hand: \$220.06
- c. Membership: 382
- d. Dues Collected: \$2750
- e. Correspondence: None

The boat trip for the Seniors was highly successful. The travel went smoothly, and the boat was a lot of fun. In addition to the costs mentioned and approved at the last meeting, there was an additional expense of \$200, which was used for a \$100 tip for each of the two bus drivers. These tips were taken from the Special Revenue Fund.

There will be a flu shot clinic on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Low activity is planned for October due to the 3 week renovation commencing on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Lunches will resume on November 6<sup>th</sup>, Bingo on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Lisa distributed a copy of the draft Annual Report for the Center to the Board. She accepted suggestions for changes from the Board and will provide the final copy with all figures to the town. It covers the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Lisa reported that Bob Grindle is doing well in his recuperation and hopes to be able to return to the Center in November. Many volunteers, including Dawn, Robin, Pete, Joyce, Shirley, etc. have been helping to pick up any slack. There was a brief discussion about adding a pedicurist in addition to the podiatrist visit, but the Board thinks it better to stick to the licensed professional who is liability covered for any issues involving diabetic foot injury.

#### **4b. Art Committee Update**

Victoria informed the Board that Sue Peifer is on deck for the next available month's exhibition and is flexible with timing due to the renovation of the Senior Center. Lisa said she is likely to be the November artist as long as renovations go on schedule, and is in touch with her directly.

The art committee hopes to contact Stacy Gendreau to be the December exhibitor.

Other potential exhibitors for future months suggested by the Art Committee and other Board members are as follows:

- Bruce Raymond – Photography
- 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**

Lisa says the renovations will begin on 9 October. While the Center is getting a facelift, she would like to add a full cleaning of all carpets to the mix, and has gotten a price of \$575 for deep cleaning including shampooing, vacuuming and drying. The Board approves this expenditure from the Special Revenue Fund. Janice brought up to the Board that this would be the time for the Center to add the needed electrical sockets and the Board, after some discussion, agreed that Lisa should bring up the topic with Dave Stone again now so it can potentially be done while the renovations are going on.

### **5. New Business**

#### **a) Events and Activities**

Ellen would like to begin a daytime singing group at the Center, open to the community as well as the Seniors. She would like to get it going in advance of the

holiday season so perhaps the group could perform around Christmastime. Irene mentioned that she has a space where artists could potentially meet up and exhibit in a collective atmosphere that she would like to bring to the attention of the Board, art committee, and Senior artists.

**b) Discussion of Compensation for Volunteers**

Shirley raised the topic of giving a thank-you gift to the volunteers who have gone above and beyond in spending many hours moving things in preparation for Chaplin Day and the renovation, and sought approval from the Board for a \$500 gift card from the Special Revenue Fund to give to Pete Kegler for all his hard work and the use of his truck to move the dunk tank and things in the Center. Carl made a motion to approve this thank you gift, Dawn seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Shirley volunteered to speak to Val ASAP about the process and get it underway.

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

**7. Next Meeting Date:** November 7 @ 10 a.m.

**8. Adjournment:** the meeting was adjourned at 10.50

Minutes submitted by Victoria Northrop, recording clerk