

Chaplin Senior Center

Board of Directors

132 Chaplin Street

Chaplin, CT 06235

The Board of Directors for the Chaplin Senior Center met on Tuesday, **June 1, 2021**, remotely via the GoToMeeting app and at the meeting room at the Senior Center.

Members present: Chairperson Irene Schein, Shirley Rakos, Ann Lewis, Jeanette Haines, Crystal Gephardt, Walter Zlotnick, alternates Dawn Gilbert and Ellen Gillon, Director Lisa Kegler, and Victoria Northrop (recording clerk).

As a meeting where the public would normally be present, due to the COVID-19 pandemic the meeting was audio-broadcast through the “GoToMeeting” app for any interested member of the public in accordance with CT Executive Order 7s.

1. Irene Schein called the meeting to order at 9:44 a.m.

Alternates Dawn Gilbert and Ellen Gillon were seated for Carl Linkkila and Neil Muckenhoupt. According to by-laws, new officers needed to be elected. Dawn made a motion to keep Lisa Kegler as Treasurer and Victoria Northrop as Secretary, which was seconded by Ellen and passed unanimously. Irene Schein was nominated for chair and Jeanette seconded this, which then passed unanimously. Irene nominated Ann Lewis for vice chair, Ellen seconded, and this passed unanimously.

Audience for Citizens: None present.

- 2. Secretary’s Report:** the board reviewed the draft minutes of the Special Meeting of May 4th and special meeting May 25th. Ann Lewis moved to approve the minutes, Crystal seconded, and they were passed by the Board, with some abstaining as they were not present on the 25th.

3. Correspondence: None

4. Director’s Report:

Cash on hand: \$394.93

Special revenue account: \$30,229.57

Membership status: 324 members

Dues collection: dues are still waived due to the pandemic until the end of 2021. There was a discussion of whether dues should be charged, pro-rated, from July-Jan, but the complexity and atmosphere of reversing the decision led to a decision to simply wait until January 2022 to collect dues.

- 5. Reopening Discussion:** Irene asked for new information on re-opening. Lisa said that according to Eastern Highlands, now the center can reopen with no restrictions other than

masks for the unvaccinated. Lisa will ask for a sign in sheet in order to have the ability to contact trace if needed.

6. Shed Roof: the shed roof is small and may need repair. It's unclear if it's leaking. The board will find out how many bundles are needed and see if anyone has some to donate. There will probably need to be a postponement on the repair due to the extremely high prices of building materials due to the pandemic. The historic district has to be taken into consideration. Walt wants to ask David Stone to measure and compare material prices. There is some worry that the historic district won't accept certain types of materials. There was also a discussion of cleaning out the shed. Irene thinks the center should bite the bullet and re-roof it now, because prices may not come down. Dawn made a motion on whether to proceed right away with a budget of \$1500 or less. Crystal seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Meal recommendations: Lisa wanted to discuss whether to continue to offer curbside lunches in addition to inside lunches on Mon-Weds, or cutting out either Monday lunch or cutting out Thursday breakfast. There was a discussion of whether to use china indoors or just to-go containers for everyone. It was decided that once the indoor lunches are re-established, the use of china will be re-evaluated. The Board discussed the re-start of a Thursday morning pastry and coffee lasting potentially from 8-11 a.m.

8. The non-functional pool table: After discussion, the Board agreed that since the pool table is warped and useless for playing pool, it should be removed. DTW would be willing to remove it. Walt interjected that the fire marshal needs to be contacted for maintaining fire escape route guidelines when re-arranging the tables after it's removed. Jeanette made a motion to remove it, Ann seconded. The uses of the lounge room were also discussed; including TV watching, massage therapy, etc.

9. Activities, Social Media and Other Outreach:

Re-opening celebration: Lisa is going to have a special lunch on July 7th when Bingo resumes. There will be special food, and a big \$1 Bingo game 9:30-11:30. Victoria will try to donate some prizes. People will need to sign up in advance for meal prep calculations.

Irene would like to also do an event when many people from town could come, so perhaps in the evening, but Lisa thinks the seniors are less likely to go out in the evening. There was a suggestion to do two events: one at lunch for the seniors, one for everyone in the evening with music and everyone and possibly some art.

Irene is hoping to get the **Art Show** going in August. She proposes that the artists not be charged to display, but that they take on the publicity and installation. Jeanette talked about how various libraries allow artists to display their works as well and offered the

Hampton Librarian contact info to Lisa for some advice. This might take place in August and be indoor-outdoor.

Ancestry: Irene asked whether we will be starting the Ancestry subscription now that the center is reopening, and asked that it be advertised in the newsletter.

The Tent: From June 7th to Labor Day weekend there will be an outdoor tent at the center for increased al fresco space.

Other Activities: Pickleball: Mon-Weds 9.30, Yoga in person Mon @ 11 (and on Zoom) , Sit and Stretch two days a week with 15 people, both live and Zoom. MahJong Tuesday 10-2 and Friday 2-6. Tai Chi Tuesday morning at the library meeting room. Craft Class June 10th (patriotic décor). Saturday Morning Walking Club also is going well, but will be on hold for the hot part of the summer in Jul-Aug.

Special Activities: June 7th – the resident State Trooper will be coming for a lecture on how to avoid scams and for a meet and greet. The Tax Collector and the Podiatrist will both be coming in July.

All of these activities will be in the newsletter and on the Facebook page.

The grinder and plant sale in May was a great success. They sold grinders for \$871, and plants for \$1681, the expenses were \$963, \$1588 profit.

10. Aging in Chaplin discussion and senior housing update: First meeting will take place soon to discuss an affordable housing plan for seniors (and others) for the town. Chaplin's population is weighted towards age 45+. Seniors have to be taken into consideration within this affordable housing unit group. Co-op options might also be discussed.

11. Next Meeting Date: August 3, 2021 @ 9.30 a.m.

12. Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 11.03 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Victoria Northrop, recording clerk