

**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, **February 6, 2024**, in the Senior Center craft room.

Members present: Chairperson Irene Schein, Ellen Gillon, Shirley Rakos, 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 10:01 a.m.** Joyce was seated as alternate for Crystal Gebhardt, Victoria was seated as alternate for Ann Lewis.
- 2. Audience for Citizens:** Shirley Rakos spoke on behalf of Dee Crocket, who has requested that the Center add round tables for dining and Mexican Train gaming. After a discussion of where said tables might be located or stored and the diameter and number needed, Dawn made a motion to allocate up to \$600 for their purchase and Ellen seconded the motion. The Board passed the motion unanimously.
- 3. Minutes:** The minutes of the Board Meeting of December 5, 2023 were approved unanimously after a motion was initiated by Ellen and seconded by Shirley.
- 4. Old Business**

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

- a. Special Revenue Fund: \$34,937.19
- b. Cash on Hand: \$343.85
- c. Membership: 399
- d. Dues Collected for 2024 thus far: \$1444
- e. Correspondence: None

The Center will be sponsoring a Chili Challenge on February 24<sup>th</sup>. The Center will provide cornbread and dessert for the cook-off, as well as prizes. Line Dancing class will begin on Thursday mornings as of March 7 for a cost of \$24 for four weeks. A Dixieland jazz band will be playing for the St. Patrick's Day lunch in March. The band will be given lunch as a thank-you. The annual plant sale is slated for around Mother's Day.

Lisa provided the Board with copies of the annual budget, which has the same bottom line as the previous year. Irene made a motion to approve the budget, Robin seconded, and the Board approved the budget submission unanimously.

Lisa stated that the Center will most likely not have a Fisherman's breakfast this year due to the fact that there is no fishing derby to be held and that opening day no longer exists due to year-round fishing.

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

Pat Donahue's art is currently being exhibited. The following artists are slated for the upcoming months

March: Marcia Donofrio

April: Sue Peifer

May: Ann Williams or Pieces for Peace

June: Ellen's cousin

- Paul Winfrey (possibly July?)
- Bruce Raymond's photos (when he's back in the U.S.)
- A Parish Hill or Elementary School Show
- Pat Browne Retrospective
- Victoria Northrop

#### **4c. Update on Facilities**

Lisa is planning to get the carpets shampooed, as approved previously by the Board, but needs to have DPW remove the excess tiles and ceiling tiles from the hallway first. The HVAC has almost been completed other than the programming. There have been issues with the new tile floor having tiles pop up. Lisa has been handling that situation. There has been an ongoing moth infestation in the paper goods closet and elsewhere. Lisa has looked for the source and has been baiting traps and called in an exterminator to deal with it.

#### **5. New Business**

a) Jeanette Haines has resigned from the Senior Center Board. Janice Godaire will be asked to take her place as full member and will need to resign as alternate and be sworn in as a regular. Victoria moved to accept this appointment and Ellen seconded. The Board passed the motion unanimously. Irene said that the alternate position which Janice will vacate can be filled by Sally Ireland. Irene moved that Sally be made alternate, Ellen seconded the motion, and the Board approved it unanimously.

b) **Events and activities:** please see Director's report

- c) **Chorus Update:** Ellen says that the singing group is on ebb for January, but will gain momentum in spring. She is planning a fun TV Jingle sing-along/concert.
  - d) **Annual Report:** this item was struck from the agenda as the Board had already conducted a review previously.
6. **Suggestions for Next Regular Meeting:** Joyce wanted to discuss having a podiatrist come in for the seniors again.
7. **Next Meeting Date:** March 5, 2024 @ 10 a.m.
8. **Adjournment:** the meeting was adjourned at 10:50

Minutes submitted by Victoria Northrop, recording clerk