# WALLINGFORD COMMITTEE ON AGING, INC. November 19, 2021 MINUTES OF MEETING

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>: Steven Allinson, Karen Anderson, Evangeline Bourgeois, Tom Daly, Rosemary DeAngelis, Rocco DiGenova, Jane Fisher, Susan Gomes, Ronald Graziani, Audrey Grove, Glenn Havumaki and Tara Knapp, Deb Markiewicz and William Viola.

EXCUSED: Anne Bernick and Alberta Flynn

ABSENT: Tom Finn and John Rankin

President Tom Daly called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

President Tom Daly asked if there were any additions or corrections to the October 15, 2021 Secretary's Report.

Ron Graziani made a motion to accept the October Secretary's Report as presented. Audrey Grove seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

# October 2021 Operating Account Reports

Treasurer Ron Graziani reported ending October 31, 2021. Receipts are \$283,866 which is \$5,198 below the budgeted amount of \$289,064. Expenditures are \$283,614 which is \$5,450 below the budgeted amount. This results in a net positive of \$252.

Tara Knapp made a motion to accept the October Operating Account Report. Glenn Havumaki seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

# October 2021 Program Account Report

Program Director Karen Anderson reported that the program account is in the positive. Have not reconciled the Dinner With Friends yet, but will be splitting the proceeds with the theater company. The Center did very well on the Holiday Fair and netted over \$6,000 and added with the tag sale, made over \$7,000. Lake View is making a small profit. Things are slow and steady.

Rosemary DeAngelis made a motion to accept the October Program Account Report. Jane Fisher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

President Tom Daly asked that the Consent Agendas be accepted.

Sue Gomes made a motion to accept the October Consent Agenda. Steve Allinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### STAFF REPORTS

#### **Executive Director**

ED Bill Viola reported that he appreciated his vacation last month, as it was very refreshing and had a good time. Great to have staff to rely on and have peace of mind. Was confident to have auditor here in his absence. Carmella is doing a great job. The appropriate reports were filed and copies sent to the Mayor, Comptroller and Town Council. Posted online on the GuideStar website resulting in a Gold Seal of Transparency. Every day it feels like pre-pandemic times; this past Wednesday the parking lot was full. Thanked Karen and Erin for all their work with the fair and the play. Both required a lot of extra physical work and extra hours. The credit card implementation is still being worked on by Dave and Carmela. Hopefully, we will be able to have credit card charges at the front desk in the near future. The new social services coordinator is settling in nicely. She is taking appointments and overseeing the fuel assistance program. ED Viola will have her attend a board meeting after the first of the year. Lots of preventative maintenance going on at this time. The ice machine in Lake View Café has been problematic and may have to purchase a new one. It was purchased 2003 and a new one will probably cost about \$2,000. Busy time of year with numerous holiday parties. Will have a staff Christmas party December 22 and give staff small Christmas bonuses.

#### **Program Director**

Program Director Karen Anderson stated that, like ED Viola previously said more people are starting to come back. Reviewed some of the events that were held at the Center. The flu clinic provided by the VNA of Wallingford did 54 shots with 2 nurses and 1 administrator. Holiday fair went well, attendance was steady but not great. The Center netted \$6,600 and gave the various break downs of money made. Working on trips for 2022 and 2023. Several different drives going on now, with bins in the foyer. AARP has not made a decision regarding in-person or phone tax preparation appointments; also, their driving class may not take place in February. Christmas breakfast is scheduled but don't know if Lyman Hall Chorus can come this year. If not, will arrange some other entertainment.

#### **Memory Lane Coordinator**

Deb Markiewicz stated that she was happy to be at the meeting. She has been at the Senior Center 7 years in February. Before Covid, a lot of Memory Lane members were aging but being closed for so long change is a chance to regroup and make the program a little different than it was. A lot of past members were not able to come back. Right now, the new group ranges from 66 to 97 and it's a very hardy group. Maximum number is 15 and Mondays and Wednesdays there are 13. It has been great using a person per diem to help out and she has done a really good job. So far it has been manageable. ED Viola and I have been watching the program. Now that it is picking up have discussed 2 part-time positions. Tweaking the job description. Pleased with the program's recovery from Covid.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Pickle Ball Courts at WSC

ED reached out to the contact at Eversource, but he hasn't heard back. Started looking at another location, i.e., in the back, down off the trail. It has potential. But have also been talking to Park and Recreation that is the direction now.

LRP Update

ED Viola put out questionnaires at Celebrate Wallingford, the library, and on the website and got about 150 responses. Not a lot of non-members responded, only about a dozen. Had a volunteer compiling them for the committee to look at all the information and discuss at the next meeting.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

# **OTHER BUSINESS**

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Rosemary DeAngelis made the motion to adjourn. Steve Allinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Johnson

Administrative Assistant