

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, **December 6, 2022**, in the Senior Center craft room.

Members present: Chairperson Irene Schein, Shirley Rakos, Ann Lewis, Jeanette Haines, Dawn Gilbert, Carl Linkkila, and Ellen Gillon; alternates Janice Godaire and Joyce St. Lawrence; Director Lisa Kegler, and Victoria Northrop (recording clerk).

- 1. Irene Schein called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.** Alternates were not seated as there were sufficient voting members present. No additions or changes to the agenda were made.
- 2. Audience for Citizens:** None present.
- 3. Minutes:** The minutes of the Board Meeting of November 1, 2022 were approved unanimously after a motion was initiated by Jeanette and seconded by Dawn.
- 4. Old Business**

4a. Stove Replacement Update: Lisa reported that, after the repair of the gas leak in the ceiling, the alarm has ceased sounding often when the power has been interrupted or going off for no reason. She says that there will be an experimental test conducted later in the month to re-create the conditions of a power cut to see if the alarm sounds. If the test is successful, the replacement of the stove may be able to be postponed, or at least not be conducted on an emergency basis. She researched the cost of various electric ranges and will do more research. Currently she found appliances priced between \$4300-6400 that would meet the cooking needs of the Center. The cost of the stove may be able to be incorporated in Capital Improvement because it may no longer be an urgent replacement. She also mentioned that the electrical outlet upgrade discussed last month may also be able to be funded out of Capital Improvement.

4b. Art Committee Update: Peter Kegler was able to hang the test track in the foyer of the Senior Center and Lisa has displayed various art pieces in the spot. The test appears to be successful. Ellen Gillon did some research with other spaces which host art exhibits and says that since the artists are often selling their work, they will take responsibility for planning the invitations/guest list and entertaining. She also suggests looking at the hanging system at the Mansfield Library's Royce Circle location in downtown Storrs to see another system which may be better for smaller pieces, available on gallerysystem.com. The Board discussed security issues for the artwork and methods for

contacting local artists – the first method will be through the Senior Center newsletter putting out a call to interested local artists who may even be Center members. Carl put forth a motion to approve up to \$1500 for the hanging system which is to be installed as the Board discussed at the previous meetings. Ellen seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

4c. Community Center Administration, Costs and Policy: The Board of Selectmen continues to work on the updated rules and regulations for the use of the Community Center room. The Board discussed the upcoming Artists Open Studio use of the room, as well as pickleball/cornhole. Irene asked Lisa if the Community Room could be available for more hours during the Senior Center's open hours for pickleball. Lisa said that the Center could in principle sponsor another pickleball day, but it would have to be for members and scheduled for a regular, specific day and time and have the approval of the Board of Selectmen. Juan Roman says that the BoS is working out ground rules for use of the Community Center by other parties for a rental fee with insurance coverage provided by the user. Lisa also says that if the electricity and heat usage from the room increases budgetary needs of the Senior Center for such costs, then the town will make up the difference.

4c. Update on Adult Daycare: Victoria did online research about finance sources for adult daycare and reported the results to the Board. The bottom line is that they are run as private businesses and that if the state does add to their budgets, they must meet certain guidelines. Non-state funded daycares do not have to meet such criteria. The respondents to the short questionnaire about people needing adult daycare were limited, so more research will need to be done to contact the community at large. Victoria will try to contact Generations and Eastconn to see if they have any suggestions for less expensive adult day programs closer than Tolland/Vernon.

4d. Director's Report:

- a. Special Revenue Fund: \$32,669.44
- b. Cash on Hand: \$388.10
- c. Membership: 366
- e. Correspondence: None

The Center had a very successful pre-Thanksgiving breakfast with 82 pp in attendance. There will be a Holiday Lunch on December 19th, with music potentially being provided by the ukulele group if they are available. The upcoming 'psychic medium' entertainment looks like it will be popular and 10 people are already signed up.

5. New Business

5a. Holiday Bonuses: The Board decided to do a similar distribution of holiday bonuses to last year. Dawn and Lisa recused themselves for this discussion. The bonuses were decided as follows, to be given in Visa gift cards to avoid tax complexities:

Dave - \$200

Ben - \$150

Jake - \$150

Bob - \$550

Lynn - \$450

Dawn - \$450

Lisa - \$800

The Board also allocated \$35 to cover the cost of the gift cards. Ellen moved for the Board to accept these bonuses/costs and Shirley seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously.

5b. Meeting Dates for 2023: All regular meetings will take place at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center.

January: no meeting

February 7

March 7

April 4

May 2

June 6

July: no meeting

August 1

September 5

October 3

November 7

December 5

6. Next Meeting Date: February 7, 2023 @ 10 a.m. There were no new suggestions for the agenda.

7. Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Victoria Northrop, recording clerk