

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, **April 2, 2024**, in the Senior Center craft room.

Members present: Chairperson Irene Schein, Ellen Gillon, Robin Hoagland, Carl Linkkila, Ann Lewis, Dawn Gilbert, and Shirley Rakos; alternates Joyce St. Lawrence 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.
- 2. Audience for Citizens:** Janice Godaire was also attending, in non-voting capacity, as she is awaiting her appointment as a Board member.
- 3. Minutes:** The minutes of the Board Meeting of March 5, 2024 were approved unanimously after a motion was initiated by Ann and seconded by Dawn.
- 4. Old Business**

4a. Director's Report:

- a. Special Revenue Fund: \$38,976.30
- b. Cash on Hand: \$429.16
- c. Membership: 398
- d. Dues Collected for 2024 thus far: \$1,769
- e. Correspondence: None

Lisa informed the Board that the Line Dancing Class is going well and has been extended for a second four-week session, with about 20 attendees. On Wednesday, April 10 the author of the memoir "Pearls from Carol" will be doing a book presentation and saxophone performance. The annual Plant & Grinder Sale is well in the works and Lisa is looking for raffle prizes for the event. She still would like to firm up more volunteers for the event. The walking club starts on Saturday with a jaunt on the Airline Trail. The Quintana family has once again donated \$500 in memoriam to the late parents who would have been 102 this year to give the seniors free lunch. The town of Eastford's First Selectman has received ARPA funds for seniors that they are sharing with other nearby towns whose senior centers Eastford's residents use. The amount Chaplin's Center will

receive is \$1270. The Board discussed the use of the funds and decided it would be suitable to use the money for new tables and table coverings.

4b. Art Committee Update

April: Sue Peifer is currently exhibiting and is donating a portion of sales to the Center.

May: Ann Williams

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

Victoria modified the exhibit guidelines and sent them to Lisa in order to make sure that people who need assistance hanging their work make a request in advance for volunteers so it doesn't fall on Lisa by default.

4c. Update on Facilities

The toilets in the ladies room had to have their working parts replaced with an industrial grade improvement due to the amount of use. The drains in the kitchen also had to be snaked due to clogs. These plumbing changes cost approx. \$2k. The toilets in both restrooms should be replaced with industrial grade one-piece high-flush toilets. Lisa investigated the cost and the 8 toilets that need replacing would be at a cost of approx. \$1100 per toilet. As the toilets are shared with the community room and are a capital improvement, Lisa intends to approach the Board of Selectmen to have this done from town funds.

5. New Business

a) Publicity and membership outreach for the Center: although Lisa says the Center gets good use and attendance for events, the Board would like to do a bit more outreach to Chaplin's community and to those of neighboring towns to encourage people who may not know what the Center has to offer. Suggestions were made to use the connection with Eastford (who is giving our Center ARPA money) to publicize the Center on Eastford's town websites, etc. It was also suggested we advertise a newcomer's lunch on the firehouse digital community billboard, print up flyers to send to the community in a mass mailing, and to make handbills to post at the church, library, doctors' offices, etc.

b) Events and activities:

Please see the Director's Report section

- c) **Chorus Update:** Ellen says that the singing group will perform at the Willimantic Senior Center on April 16th. She is planning a spring theme. There will be a couple of rehearsals on Thursday at 10 am beforehand.

- 6. **Suggestions for Next Regular Meeting:** Planning and discussion of the annual Plant & Grinder Sale

- 7. **Next Meeting Date:** May 7, 2024 @ 10 a.m.

- 8. **Adjournment:** the meeting was adjourned at 10:36

Minutes submitted by Victoria Northrop, recording clerk