

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 7, 2023**, in the Senior Center craft room.

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

- 1. Irene Schein called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.** Joyce was seated for Walt Zlotnick and Robin Hoagland was seated for Dawn Gilbert. A new e-mail address was provided for Janice Godaire.
- 2. Audience for Citizens:** None present.
- 3. Minutes:** The draft minutes of the Board Meeting of December 6, 2022 were approved unanimously after a motion was initiated by Ann, seconded by Jeanette, with the following amendment: the minutes are to be updated to reflect the increase voted on by the Board of an additional \$50.00 for both Jake and Ben's holiday bonuses and the additional processing fee of \$9.00.

4. Old Business

4a. Director's Report:

- i. Special Revenue Fund: \$33,953.95
- ii. Cash on Hand: \$340.08
- iii. Membership: 367
- iv. Correspondence: Lisa received a thank-you note from Linda and Bob Grindle for their holiday bonuses.
- v. Events: Paper newsletters are to be discontinued as of this time, with the exception of those who opt in to continue to receive a paper rather than digital format. A Valentine's lunch is planned for February 13th. 85 people have already signed up for it, and it will feature raffles, games, prizes, etc. Massage therapy, Pickleball, Hair styling, and the Psychic Medium programs are all going very well. Tai Chi classes have begun on Thursdays with 20 people participating. The annual Fishermen's Breakfast is planned for April 22nd in conjunction with the Fishing Derby. Breakfast will be takout only. May 13th is slated for the annual Plant and Grinder Sale. Lisa has already purchased the pots, soil, seeds, etc. to begin growing.

4b. Art Committee update on hanging display system: Irene provided the Board with the plan of the room drawn up by the committee. She will go ahead and order the tracks for the hanging. Victoria received an e-mail from Peggy Church detailing how the Fletcher Library dealt with their call for artists for similar art shows.

4c. Community Center administration and costs, policy update, sound dampening system: Lisa brought to the Board's attention problems with people using the Community Center and leaving liquor bottles and cigarette ends near the Senior Center entrance, also failing to turn down the heat and failing to lock the door after use on Cornhole events. The Board discussed the problems and decided that these issues should all be brought to the attention of the Selectmen, as they are in charge of the space. The Board agreed that a checklist for opening and closing should be posted. The idea of a sound dampening system for the room is being discussed.

4d. Multi-function Room outlets and other improvements: Lisa informed the Board that since the repair of the gas leak, the gas alarm has not been sounding, and it turns out that it will not be necessary to replace the range immediately at this time. She had been postponing the update of the electrical sockets to be in conjunction with a potential range replacement, but as the range no longer needs to be replaced, she plans to contact the electrician to have the sockets updated. The Board also discussed briefly how and when the ceiling's acoustic tiles and flooring might be replaced.

4e. Adult Daycare: Neither Irene nor Victoria received any new news about area adult daycare.

5. New Business

5a. Approve Budget for 2023-24: Lisa distributed a copy of the potential budget. She raised the line item for janitorial services by a total of \$520.00/annum. After a brief discussion, a motion to pass the budget was made by Ellen Gillon, seconded by Carl Linkkila and passed unanimously by the Board.

5b. Security Camera: Lisa has purchased a security camera for the Center with the assistance of Rick Nichols. The camera is planned to be installed and aimed at the Center's front door.

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

7. Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Victoria Northrop, recording clerk

