

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, **May 2, 2023**, in the Senior Center craft room.

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

- 1. Irene Schein called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.** Alternates Godaire, St. Lawrence, and Hoagland were seated for Linkkila, Zlotnick, and Rakos. A change to the agenda was made to reflect a typo under New Business, point b. section 2, changing the name Zlotnick to Hoagland.
- 2. Audience for Citizens:** None present.
- 3. Minutes:** The minutes of the Board Meeting of April 4, 2023 were approved unanimously, with the addition of Pete Kegler's surname, after a motion was initiated by Ellen and seconded by Jeanette.
- 4. Old Business**

4a. Director's Report:

- a. Special Revenue Fund: \$40,138.79
- b. Cash on Hand: \$457.53
- c. Membership: 376
- d. Dues Collected: \$2540
- e. Correspondence: None

Lisa reported that on May 8th, there is an upcoming event on Safety for Senior given by Trooper S. Tucker. The planning for the Plant & Grinder fundraiser is going well. Lisa and Dawn will be picking up the flowers. Irene requested a schedule for when Lisa would like the volunteers to be there to help. Lisa requested that people be there at 9:30 for set up on Friday. Hanging baskets will be set up on Saturday morning. Crystal volunteered to be the second cashier. Lisa requested that volunteers please arrive at least 30 min. before the event on Saturday. Signs will be out to advertise the event, the plant sale will be on the lighted sign at the firehouse, and on social media. In a related event, a plant swap is planned for June 17th, 11-1, and Lisa intends to include

any unsold leftover plants in that event. The Fisherman's Breakfast had a turnout of 64 people and made a profit of \$216. The associated fishing derby has been unsuccessful due to lack of fish, which may mean it is moved to autumn next year, so the Breakfast may not be offered again. The Board discussed the eutrophication and lack of fish in Darling Pond.

4b. Art Committee Update

1. The Hammon art exhibit went well, although it was agreed that in the future only an opening will be offered to the artist, not a closing as well. Lisa mentioned that the walls did sustain some scuffing from the paintings themselves. The track system worked very well. The new exhibit is up from pet portraitist Irene Glynne. Ann Lewis will add photographs of the future artists' work to the Center's social media along with the bios if photos are provided.
2. Irene Schein once again presented the changes to the liability waiver to the Board and said she will make the changes to the waiver.
3. Victoria drafted guidelines for the exhibits and openings which were circulated to the Board in April for input. The Board decided to amend the draft guidelines to reflect the Director's preference for nothing to be attached to the walls except for picture titles/price cards with special, non-marking artist's putty. The guidelines will also remove the time of day preference of evening and leave it on a case-by-case basis.
4. Potential future exhibitors the Art Committee has located so far include: Franco (landscape painter), who will be contacted by Joyce St Lawrence, Joan Blade Johnson (fiber art from Hampton) who will be contacted by Victoria, a retrospective of the late Chaplin artist Pat Browne, the photography of Bruce Raymond from Chaplin, and another artist who will be contacted by Irene. There will probably be no exhibit in September/October due to renovations.

4c. Community Center Issues:

Lisa stated that the issue with litter appearing after the Cornhole League nights has abated since the camera was installed and the league has moved back outside for the season. Lisa will ask the town to provide additional TP and paper towels for the bathrooms and about janitorial services for the Community room, as providing these things currently burdens the Senior Center and no one is formally cleaning the room currently.

4d. Multifunction Room Outlets/Improvements: Lisa reported to the Board that the major renovation of the HVAC/ceiling is now planned for September/October.

4e. Chair Cleaning: Lisa provided the Board with the estimate of \$3.00 /chair for the cleaning, totaling \$300.00. Ann moved to allocate the funds, Dawn seconded the motion, and the Board approved this expenditure.

5. New Business

- a) Events: this was covered under the Director's report.

b) Board membership terms: The following Board members terms expire in June: Linkkila, Zlotnick, Rakos, Hoagland, Godaire, and St. Lawrence. Irene said that only Walt is not seeking another term, and with the Board's approval, which was gained in April, the recommendation to the Board of Selectmen will be that Robin should resign from her position as Alternate in order to fill the full Board member position that will be left vacant when Walt's term expires in June and be sworn in. Victoria will need to be sworn in as the replacement Alternate.

6. Suggestions for Next Regular Meeting: Discussion of the potential bus trip to the shoreline, including the destination, date, and for how many people and how much the Center will cover of the trip. Also to be discussed: the potential grant for an outdoor pickleball court.

7. Next Meeting Date: June 6, 2023 @ 10 a.m.

8. Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 11.02 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Victoria Northrop, recording clerk