

**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, **September 5, 2023**, in the Senior Center craft room.

Members present: Chairperson Irene Schein, Shirley Rakos, Ellen Gillon, Crystal Gebhardt, and Robin Hoagland; alternates Janice Godaire, Joyce St. Lawrence, and Victoria Northrop (also acting as recording clerk); Director Lisa Kegler.

- 1. Irene Schein called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.** Alternates St. Lawrence, Godaire, and Northrop were seated for Linkkila, Lewis, and Gilbert.
- 2. Audience for Citizens:** None present.
- 3. Minutes:** The minutes of the Board Meeting of August 1, 2023 were approved unanimously, after a motion was initiated by Ellen and seconded by Janice.
- 4. Old Business**

**4a. Director's Report:**

- a. Special Revenue Fund: as of July 31, \$47,518.49
- b. Cash on Hand: \$420.06
- c. Membership: 383
- d. Dues Collected: \$2750
- e. Correspondence: None

The boat trip for the Seniors will take place this week. 75 people will attend. Two buses were rented for a total of \$2410, and the cost of the lunch and paddle-wheeler ride came to \$3150. Lisa says she will additionally purchase two coolers of water bottles in order to make sure people are properly hydrated.

Lisa stated that she has not booked many activities for September because of the upcoming renovation of the Senior Center. There will be croquet under the tent on Thursdays and a new domino game "Mexican Train" on offer. Lisa has rescheduled the Medicare talk due to the holiday. Tai Chi /Qi Gong classes will be Thursdays in September.

There was a member request from the Villa family to use the center for a pizza party to celebrate a birthday, with about 20 in attendance. Lisa will open and close the Center for the group and make sure it goes accordingly. The Board members all stated that they were fine with this usage.

Chaplin Day preparations are underway: there will be a rented dunk tank (cost split with the Library @ \$186.02 for each). Lisa is looking for volunteers to be in the tank. Balls will be \$2 or \$5 for three.

Griffin Health will be running a flu shot clinic at the Center on October 25<sup>th</sup> from 9-10:30

#### **4b. Art Committee Update**

Franco's exhibit and talk have gone well. Victoria informed the Board that Sue Peifer is on deck for the next available month's exhibition and is flexible with timing due to the renovation of the Senior Center.

Other potential exhibitors for future months suggested by the Art Committee and other Board members are as follows:

- Bruce Raymond – Photography
- Stacy Gendreau – Paintings
- Paul Winfrey (in 2024, potentially)
- Ann Williams
- A Parish Hill or Elementary School Show
- Pat Browne Retrospective
- Fiona Hill
- Victoria Northrop

#### **4c. Update on Renovations**

Lisa says that the Center will probably have to close during the renovation, as the kitchen won't be available to do meals and the main spaces will be unavailable, especially with the insulation in the ceiling having to come out. They will be replacing the HVAC, the ceiling tiles, and the floor tiles. Lisa would like to have input on the appearance of the floor. There is no exact start date yet, but the equipment will be arriving after the 9<sup>th</sup> of September, according to Dave Stone.

#### **5. New Business**

Lisa put out a call for more volunteers, particularly to help with the Mon/Weds lunches, as there will be a shortfall for the next couple of months. Irene, Janice, and Shirley all stepped up to the plate to help out. Irene says she can help deliver lunches to the two housebound members.

**6. Suggestions for Next Regular Meeting:** None at the moment.

**7. Next Meeting Date:** October 3 @ 10 a.m.

**8. Adjournment:** the meeting was adjourned at 10.30

Minutes submitted by Victoria Northrop, recording clerk