

**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, **June 4, 2024**, in the Senior Center craft room.

Members present: Chairperson Irene Schein, Ellen Gillon, Robin Hoagland, Ann Lewis, Dawn Gilbert, Janice Godaire, 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 10:10 a.m.** Joyce was seated as alternate for Crystal Gebhardt, Victoria for Carl Linkkila.
- 2. Audience for Citizens:** Lynn Grindle was attending. She attended in order to congratulate the Director, Board, and volunteers for a hugely successful Plant and Grinder Sale fundraiser and to suggest that the Director be compensated for the expenditures she made out of pocket (electricity, water, transport, time invested, etc.) to contribute.
- 3. Minutes:** The minutes of the Board Meeting of May 7, 2024 were approved after a motion was initiated by Janice and seconded by Ellen. Three members abstained as they had not attended the meeting. A typo of a name in the minutes will be corrected.
- 4. Old Business**

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

- a. Special Revenue Fund: \$40,864.82
- b. Cash on Hand: \$374.77
- c. Membership: 406
- d. Dues Collected for 2024 thus far: \$1,929
- e. Correspondence: None

The annual Plant and Grinder Sale fundraiser was a great success: the total profit for the Center was \$6169.97. Lisa said that the grinders turned out to be very profitable this year, at \$10 each for a huge grinder. 73 of the 75 hanging baskets sold. The Board agreed that selling raffle tickets to the people waiting in the line next year might make them sell better. Some of the remaining plants were sold at the town flea market on June 2, adding to the profit. A plant swap in cooperation with the Friends of the Library will take place

under the tent on June 8<sup>th</sup> from 10-12. Line dancing class has been extended for four more weeks,

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

- Paul Winfrey is the June artist
- Victoria will try to organize the Pat Browne retrospective for July/August
- Ellen Gillon will try to contact Peggy Church to see if she's interested in showing weavings.
- Victoria will contact Michael Connor, her brother in law, to see if he would show his architectural drawings. She will also ask Ann Chuk for suggestions of other local artists who might be interested.
- Victoria Northrop will show her paintings and drawings in the autumn
- The committee plans a collaborative show of previous exhibitors in November for potential Christmas sales.

**4c. Chorus Update:** the chorus will perform at the Windham Senior Center on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Lisa asked Ellen if they could perform some time at the Chaplin Senior Center and Ellen and she agreed they would set a date.

**4d. Update on Facilities:** Lisa is still getting quotes for the toilet improvements. More round tables will be added with further practical research on use patterns.

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

- a) Review Guidelines for Multi-function Room:** Lisa distributed another copy of the guidelines to the Board members and they discussed important changes that need to be made. Lisa will check with the town lawyer whether events in the room need to have an insurance rider added. The Board thinks events that are not sponsored by the Center/Board/town directly should be limited to memorial services for members, as a volunteer or paid monitor would need to attend said events to ensure security of the premises. The Board feels that if a monitor has to attend an event, they should be compensated for their time @ \$25/hr and the total time the event can continue (including set up and clean up) should be limited within reason. The Board thinks the kitchen use should be struck from the guidelines altogether. The members agreed to review the guidelines in detail and formally vote on a final set at the August meeting.
- b) Elect Officers:** Irene moved that Victoria remain secretary/clerk and Lisa remain Treasurer, also that Ann, Crystal, and Dawn are up for a new term on the Board, all have accepted, and Irene will let the BOS know that their terms will be renewed. Janice seconded Irene's motion and it passed unanimously. Dawn re-nominated Irene to continue as Chair and Victoria seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously. Ann made a motion to nominate Shirley for vice-chair, stepping down

herself from the position, and Ellen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

c) **Events and Activities:** please see Director's Report above

d) **Compensation for the plant sale (added topic):** The Board discussed the effort and expense the Director went to out of pocket in order to make the plant sale a huge success and agreed to give her a gift as a thank-you. Janice moved for a \$500 gift card (+ fees). Shirley seconded the motion and said she would handle the purchase. The board passed the motion unanimously.

6. **Suggestions for Next Regular Meeting:** Follow up on the amended multi-function room guidelines and vote. Future artists.

7. **Next Meeting Date:** There is no meeting in July. The next meeting is August 6, 2024 @ 10 a.m.

8. **Adjournment:** the meeting was adjourned at 11.12

Minutes submitted by Victoria Northrop, recording clerk