

WALLINGFORD COMMITTEE ON AGING, INC.
March 19, 2021
MINUTES OF MEETING
(via Zoom video/conference call)

ATTENDANCE:

Steven Allinson, Karen Anderson, Anne Bernick, Evangeline Bourgeois, Tom Daly, Rosemary DeAngelis, Rocco DiGenova, George Duffy, Tom Finn, Jane Fisher, Ronald Graziani, Glenn Havumaki, Carolyn Massoni, Karin Pyskaty and William Viola

EXCUSED: Alberta Flynn

ABSENT:

Karin Pyskaty called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

President Karin Pyskaty asked if there were any additions or corrections to the February 19, 2021 Secretary's Report.

George Duffy made a motion to accept the February Secretary's Report as presented. Carolyn Massoni seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

February 2021 Operating Account Report

Treasurer Ron Graziani reported for the month of February 2021. Receipts are \$547,813 which is \$32,389 below the budgeted amount of \$580,202. Expenditures are \$438,368 which is \$141,834 below the budgeted amount. This results in a net positive of \$109,445.

Rosemary DeAngelis made a motion to accept the February Operating Account Report. Glenn Havumaki seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

February 2021 Program Account Report

Program Director Karen Anderson reported that it is starting to pick up a little bit, but until we get Lake View open, there is not a lot of money coming in. Still at half capacity, so registrations are down. A couple bus trips are coming up that may help. Hoping that Lake View will open in May. Carolyn Massoni asked about the Italy trip, which has not been canceled yet; however, the Alaska trip was cancelled. No one has registered for the Italy trip yet, but waiting for Collette Tours to cancel for members to get 100% refund. The Canadian Rockies trip is doing well for sign-ups.

Ron Graziani made a motion to accept the February Program Account Report. Jane Fisher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Karin Pyskaty asked that the Consent Agenda be accepted.

Glenn Havumaki made a motion to accept the February Consent Agenda. Ron Graziani seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director

ED Bill Viola reported that since the last meeting, over 2,000 vaccines have been given at the Senior Center from the Health Department, with more coming. Steve Civitelli feels that by next week, most of the 65+ who have requested a vaccine will be taken care of. Talked about clinics at Master's Manna and to homebound people with Steve and gave names of people ED is aware of who may qualify. Our members are very grateful to be able to get the vaccine here, and ED stated again that it has been very well done by the Health Department and volunteers who have helped out with various needs. AARP tax returns have also been going on at the Center and almost 200 tax returns have been completed so far. We are averaging about 85 people per day, not including vaccine clinics. Many people are renewing their membership or becoming members on the way out from the vaccine clinics. Erin Ambler started on February 22nd, and it's all positive. Glad to have her and meet the board. ED mentioned before that the lighting in the parking lot have all been repaired and our sign out at the entrance has also been repaired and upgraded to LED lights. It lights up very nicely now. There were some some problems with HVAC units on the roof and one may need to be replaced. One of Reliable Refrigeration trucks got stuck out in the back and did quite a bit of damage to the lawn. Public Works is aware and will repair it. An unusual thing happened here this week when there was a large crash out in the great room. One of the large bowl lights fell down and shattered. Luckily no one was out there. ED took pictures and notified Public Works, the electrician and one of the architects. Need to have the other lights checked and have blocked off the area for now. ED had a request from our pickle ball players who are looking for permanent courts with nets and thought we might explore the possibility of setting up some courts in the parking lot. Although it's in the preliminary stage, he called for prices. ED thinks Marilyn Ollayos would be happy to have some of her bequest used for something like that. Others agreed. But he said there are a lot of hurdles to cross yet and a discussion ensued about parking, etc.

Program Director

Program Director Karen Anderson reported that Program Coordinator Erin has really been picking up on things and likes Schedule Plus and learning how it works. She has helped with the issues on Zoom the past two weeks. AARP is looking to increase the number of appointments, and is deciding about an email blast or word of mouth. Some members are asking about continuing to wear masks and social distancing. We are not ready to change anything, except we can increase our numbers today to 100. Starting classes in April, with some indoor and others outdoor. Golf will be starting in May. Have been discussing our holiday fair and moving it to outside in September. But Celebrate Wallingford has been postponed again and it was in October. Would welcome any input.

OLD BUSINESS

WSC Covid-19 – Facility Status Report

ED Viola stated he is hoping to reopen a few things in April with fitness classes and some trial days in Memory Lane, and see how it goes. As of now, he is planning to open Memory Lane completely in May and resume bus transportation to/from the Center. Lake View Café may open in May or June with a limited menu; haven't settled yet on a decision. Suzanne Kroeber's status is still unknown so don't know if we will get Suzanne back. There have been a lot of questions about card playing and ED has been talking with Anne and Steve, who believes CDC will be changing the distance from 6 to 3 feet. This will allow us to have more people in spaces but masks will be here for a while. Hoping that we will feel very comfortable in May with all staff being vaccinated and most of the 65 + having been vaccinated. Also, would like to go back to no temperatures and no guard at the front door. This is all what ED is thinking and hoping but it could all change. Willing to listen to anyone that may have different thoughts. George Duffy asked about people reluctant to get the vaccine. A discuss followed regarding the vaccines.

FY 21-22 WCOA Budget Update

ED Viola reported that he and Ron Graziani met with the Mayor, who was very concerned about finances for the town. The Mayor knows that we have extra funds this year due to the reduced costs during the pandemic and asked for a dollar amount that he could reduce our requested budget. ED estimated \$90,000 a month ago –\$75,000 from operating and \$15,000 from transportation. The Public Hearing will be on April 12th at 6:00 p.m. and the Budget workshop with the Town Council will be on April 20th at 6:30p.m.

Nominating Committee – Election of New Members & Officers to WCOA Board

There were four proposed nominations to the Wallingford Committee on Aging Board of Directors:

1. John Rankin
2. Susan Gomes
3. Audrey Grove
4. Tara Knapp

There were also four proposed nominations to the WCOA Board of Directors up for re-election:

1. Glenn Havumaki
2. Tom Daly
3. Ron Graziani

Rosemary DeAngelis made a motion to accept the slate of candidates for the WCOA Board of Director as presented. Steve Allinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The proposed slate of Wallingford Committee on Aging Officer was presented:

1. President: Tom Daly
2. Vice President: Alberta Flynn
3. Treasurer: Ron Graziani
4. Secretary: Anne Bernick

Evangeline Bourgeois made a motion to accept the slate of new WCOA Officers as presented. Rocco DiGenova seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Thank you

Leaving the Wallingford Committee on Aging after years of service are Karin Pyskaty, George Duffy and Carolyn Massoni. ED Viola invited those leaving to the next meeting in May in-person so people can say good-bye to three great board members. Also, he went to Wallingford Center, Inc. and met the new person, Kathy Lilly and ordered three bricks, one for each of the members leaving the Board.

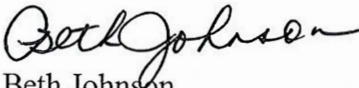
OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Karen Pyskaty made the motion to adjourn. Jane Fisher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Johnson

Administrative Assistant