**Independent Council on Aging**

**September 7, 2018**

**11:30am**

**Held at the Regency**

1. **Welcome**

**Officer’s Reports**

1. **President’s Report – Amy Chevalier**
* Approval of Minutes from Previous General Membership Meeting in May: Approved by Ray Maholtz, Second Kim Whelen
* Strategic Planning Meeting, highlights/goals for year
* Everyone is always welcome at Board Meetings 8am Maryvale Apartments, last Thursday of the Month
* Standing order of 75 lunches; please call or e-mail Kristen Gerhlein if you will not be attending; also notify if bring a guest
* Remember to welcome new members as they come in and use table space available
1. **Vice President’s Report – Kristen Gerhlein**
* October’s Speaker: Mary Johnson from the Erie County Dept. of Health on Fall Prevention
* November’s Speaker: Dr. Melanie Titzel on Virtual Dementia
* No Speaker in December: Check presentation to the charities chosen
1. **Treasurer’s Report – Wendy Wallace**
* **Current Balance: $26,175.53**
* **Outstanding Checks not reflected on this balance:**
* Ck#9801 Letti Pelizzer (Art Show) $100.00
* CK#9802 Karen Whipple (Art Show) $150.00
* Ck#9823 Pam Marlowe (Public Relations Expenses) $168.28
* Ck#9824 Maryvale Apartments (Annual Rent) $600.00
* **Total: $1018.28**
* **Income:**
* Membership Dues $850.00 (As of 9/6/18)
* **Expenses:**
* Membership Event: $283.18
* Budget: $300.00
* Variance: ($16.82)
* Budgets from committee chairs are due by Oct. General Meeting
1. **Secretary’s Report – Stephanie Garcia**
* Thanked all for patience during Secretary’s new role
* Encouraged all to let Stephanie know if you were missed on e-mail of reminders/meeting minutes
1. **Member’s at Large Report – Gert Simmons, Debra Brown, Jill Curtis**
* Member’s list continues to be updated
* Congratulations to Zac Wild on his new baby boy

**General Committee Reports**

1. **Committee Reports**
2. **Standing Committees:**
3. **Membership Committee Chair – Michelle Cooney**
* Member Fest was a great success: 32 people attended
* Membership Dues must be in by the October’s General Meeting
* Pay Pal is now on website for credit cards – Still being worked on but first credit card payment went through
* Please think of Committee Activities you may want to join
1. **Arts and Culture Committee Chairs – Ray Maholtz and MaryBeth Pfister**
* May 3rd will be our general meeting at Mercy Hilltop Center to enjoy the Art Show
* May 5th is Artist Reception
1. **Health, Mental Health and Education Committee Chairs – Sister Pat Hause, Jill Curtis, Jessica Humes Textor**
* Valentine’s Day Event: Feb. 14th
* Looking to do Bayfront Convention Center again this year
* Trying to get possible sponsorship
* First committee meeting with be before next meeting 11am in Private Dining Room
* Comic Relief for Caregivers: March 28th at Shrine Club
1. **Public Relations Committee Chair – Pam Marlow**
* Continues to actively update website and Facebook Page
* New table tents will be given out with membership sign up
* Contest: take picture of table at event with ICA table tent and be entered to win a free ad in the guide
* Please e-mail events and announcements to Pam for Senior News and to share on website and Facebook page
1. **Special and Ad Hoc Committees**
2. **By-Laws – Sister Pat Hause**
* Revised By-Laws will be discussed at next meeting
* If there are any questions about By-laws, let Sister Pat know
1. **Nominating – Carol Donlin**
* Continue to keep involved and be prepared for nominations in Spring
1. **Legislation – Matt Trott**
* Matt unable to attend meeting, Amy Chevalier gave report
* Federal year begins Oct. 1st, most appropriations expected before then but 10% of Federal will be continuing resolution until Dec. 8th. No shut down expected.
1. **Finance Committee – Lindsey Canchola and Wendy Wallace**
* Nothing additional to report
1. **Guides to Services – Kristen Gerhlein/Todd**
* New format discussed, more affordable
* Next meeting will discuss guide/format for one last review and cost for ads
* Please contact Amy C. if in need of any guides
1. **Old Business/Pending Issues and Projects:**
* Member Fest on August 28th was a success: Great comradery, food, drinks provided by Presbyterian Senior Care, thank you
1. **New Business:**
* Member Fest new member drawing went to Select Specialty, new member signed up
* Please bring your suggestions for the charities you would like ICA to donate to at holiday time. Top 3 will be voted on in October and will be announced in November
1. **Introduction of Guests/Recognition of New Members:**
* Jackie Dimecco – Select Specialty
* Lori Rice – Soldiers and Sailors Home
* Megan Weaver and Bobbi Brown – Presbyterian Senior Care
* Megan – Nurse manager LECOM
* Brian Eaton – MECCA
* Linda Markel – ECCM
* Cheryl Riodi – Spring Hill
* Jeff Johnston – Senior Healthcare Specialist
* Vicki Gilchrist – Brevellier
* Regina Petsch – HANDS
1. **Announcements**
* Parkside North East New Expansion opens Monday with 18 new residents
* LECOM Inpt. Behavioral Health expanding, official opening first week of November
* Oct. 24th, 3pm, Public Event, Presbyterian Senior Care, Personal and Public Safety; October 25th, Professional Event for safety of those working in Homes, 5pm; flyers at next meeting
* GSWA, Thursday, September 13th at Pleasant Ridge Manor West, no speaker, annual dues $20
* 811 Program through ECCM and HANDS – 3 units on line
* LGBT Summit October 8-9 in Pittsburgh
* GECAC Annual Dinner September 21st
* Edward Jones presentation at Mercy Hilltop Center, October 1st at 5pm on Social Security Questions
* Therapy Dogs United, September 15th Paws in the Park from 10am-4pm at Frontier
* Presentation on Fall Prevention Friday, September 21st from 1-4pm at Spring Hill
* Alzheimer’s Walk, September 15th
1. **Next Meeting Date and Time:**
* Next Board Meeting, September 27th 8am at Maryvale
* Next General Meeting October 5th, 11:30am at the Regency
* Amanda Merski won 50/50
1. **Motion to Adjourn and Second**
* Wendy Wallace – Motion to Adjourn
* Second – Ray Maholtz

**Minutes Submitted by Stephanie Garcia, Secretary, September 7th, 2018**