**INDEPENDENT COUNCIL ON AGING**

**November 4, 2022 11:30 am**

**GENERAL MEETNG MINUTES**

**Marquette Innovation Learning Center**

**SPEAKER:** Jennifer Moody, SafeinHome

* Jennifer explained the person-centered assisted technology, sensors and remote support staff offered by SafeinHome.
* Services and equipment enable individuals to stay in their homes and can assist with elopement mitigation, medication monitoring, seizure management, visitor safety and kitchen safety.
* For additional information please reach out to Jennifer who is listed in the ICA Member Directory.

**President Kathie Soudan called the meeting to order at 12:25 pm**

**Minutes from the October General Meeting were not available for approval.**

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Kathie Soudan

* Kathie explained the annual holiday project in which the membership selects 3 charities and a $200 gift will be given to each at the December meeting. Ballots were circulated to those in attendance and those not, will be given the opportunity via email.

**VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Lisa Anderson

* For the December meeting, the 3 selected charitable organizations will be invited to present briefly on their services.
* In January a representative from the Caring Place will be presenting.
* Jen Moody will be updating the ICA Website with confirmed speakers.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Patty Farrell

* See attached report

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:** Stephanie Garcia

* Stephanie was ill and unable to attend. Minutes for this meeting were taken by Wendy Wallace.

**MEMBER’S AT LARGE:**

* It was reported the date and time stamp on the office answering machine is not working.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:** Amy Chevalier and Wendy Wallace

* Wendy reminded the membership to pay their membership dues and the membership directory will be updated for the February meeting.

**ARTS AND CULTURE REPORT:** Ray Maholtz and Craig Heuser

* Ray reported the opening at the gallery went well and he invited the membership to stop in. In January, the committee will begin work on next year’s show which is growing and has a strong presence in the area art community.

**VALENTINES DAY SENIOR LUNCHEON:** Sister Pat Hause

* Sister Pat reported that her committee met prior to today’s meeting for their luncheon event to be held 2/14/2023. She is in negotiations with The Bayfront Convention Center who has lowered their initial estimate and thus is the committee’s choice for venue. Sponsors are being sought. Flier is in development.

**COMIC RELIEF:** Amee Weislogel

* A sincere thank you to everyone who impacted the great success of Comic Relief 2022.

**BY-LAWS:** Wendy Wallace

* Nothing to Report

**ELDER JUSTICE:** Pasquale Casane

* No report

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Jennifer Moody

* Jennifer asked that the member continue to forward information about upcoming events and she will post and promote. Kathie commended Jennifer on her technical expertise and quick assistance.

**GUIDES TO SERVICES:** Todd Kuzdzal

* No report

**FINANCE:** Patty Farrell andWendy Wallace

* No report

**LEGISLATION:** Matt Trott

* Matt updated the membership on local, state, and federal legislation and budgetary matters.
* Erie County Council is in the negotiation /public input stage of passing the budget. Public input is encouraged because funding for local services for seniors (ex: Senior Centers) is in jeopardy. Public hearings are being held. Kathie stated she will work with the executive committee to draft a letter of support of our seniors and the value to Senior Centers in Erie County.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Pat Christianson

* It is not too soon to express interest in holding an office for the 2023-24 term.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* Kathie thanked Lisa Anderson for securing a caterer for our meetings.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* Kathie thanked everyone currently involved in a committee and encouraged everyone to participate.
* Kathie, due to feedback received from membership, emphasized the purpose of our speaker series during meetings. Speakers should be educational, informational, and not sales driven. There is opportunity during lunch and after the business meeting to network.

**New members and guests were introduced. General announcements were made.**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE ON FRIDAY, December 2nd, 11:30am at the Innovation Learning Center and via Zoom**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm. Motion made by Sister Pat and seconded by Wendy Wallace.

Minutes submitted by Wendy Wallace, Board Member