**INDEPENDENT COUNCIL ON AGING**

**4/1/22**

**11:30am**

**Marquette Savings Bank and Zoom**

**GENERAL MEETNG MINUTES**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Wendy Wallace and Matt Trott

**SPEAKER:** Lindsey Canchola: Prolonging Independence for Older Adults; Therapy for Senior populations

* Director of Sales for Symbria
* Founded in Chicago
* Has a pharmacy component
* Fall reduction
* Geriatric specialists serving older adult for over 25 yrs.
* Proactively screen and identify residents at high risk
* Therapy, pharmacy, well-being = Power of one
* Promote independence for seniors by reducing falls
* CDC anticipates that the incidences of falls will increase by 21 million by 2030
* Benefits = onsite access to therapy, less likely to fall, more likely to stay out of the hospital, able to live longer in lower level settings, access additional innovative services
* lcanchola@symbria.com
* Only service Senior living communities

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**  Sister Pat Hause

* Will be voting for board members at next meeting

**VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Kathie Soudan

* Do have speaker scheduled for May

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Wendy Wallace

* See attached report

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:** Stephanie Garcia

* Nothing to report

**MEMBER’S AT LARGE:**

* Nothing to report

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:** Michelle Cooney and Amy Chevalier

* Directory (rough draft complete). If you have any corrections let Amy know. Todd will distribute electronically

**ARTS AND CULTURE REPORT:** Ray Maholtz

* Looking for sponsors
* Sent out 250 + invitations
* Mary Beth will be stepping down as she is retiring
* May 8 – Sept. 1 Senior Art Exhibit ICA Art Gallery at Traditions 1608 West 8th Street
* Drop off donated baskets direction at traditions or bring to the next meeting

**VALENTINES DAY SENIOR LUNCHEON:** Kathie Soudan

* Secured Feb. 14 2022 at Bayfront Convention Center

**COMIC RELIEF:** Amee Weislogel not present

* Looking at rescheduling for Fall

**BY-LAWS:** Amy Chevalier

* Will be looking at for next meeting

**ELDER JUSTICE:** Pasquale Casane not present

* Nothing to report

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Jennifer Moody

* If you have any events send it to Jenn by e-mail

**GUIDES TO SERVICES:** Todd Kuzdzal not present

* Nothing to report

**FINANCE:** Wendy Wallace

* See attached report

**LEGISLATION:** Matt Trott

* AAA approved for Caregiver Pilot
* Federal fiscal year budget passed

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Pat Christenson

* To be a board member must be a member for over 1 year
* Current nominations for board positions include:
* President – Kathie Soudan
* Vice President – Lisa Anderson
* Secretary – Stephanie Garcia
* Members at large – Venus from Mercy Hilltop; Terry Myers from Benetwood; Vicki Gilchrist from Brevillier Village; Kathie Soudan also nominated Alyssa Scalise
* Treasurer – Currently Wallace Wallace, however, looking to retire from position. There is currently 1 possible person interested. Must have a business background, know Quick Books, and be able to attend all meetings
* Will be voting at May meeting

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* None

**NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS:**

* Zach from the Health Dept.
* Lori, social worker and community liaison
* Michelle Cooney – Traveling director of nursing
* Rose From skilled nursing facility in Meadville
* Jan – from Independence Court. In new position that was formerly Tony V.
* Katie – LIFE NWPA Marketing
* Monica – Community Health liaison UPMC Community Health Choices

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

* GSWA voted on Member and Social worker of the year. Next meeting Thursday 2:30pm at Ambassador
* Next Niagara network meeting is April 20th at 8am at Holiday Inn Downtown.
* Patty Farrell recently had surgery
* Bruce Davis discussed Advanced Diabetic supplies

**Motion to Adjourn:** Ray and Alyssa

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: Thursday, 4/28/22 at 8am at Maryvale Apts.**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, May 6th at 11:30am via Zoom or in person at Marquette Savings Bank**

**Minutes Submitted by Stephanie Garcia Secretary**