**INDEPENDENT COUNCIL ON AGING**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2019**

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**REGENCY**

**SPEAKER:** Jennifer Pontzer, Executive Director of Career Street.

* Community Service Project of the Erie County Vocational Technical School Foundation
* By people for people in Erie
* K-12 Education Program in which local employers educate youth on careers in the area
* Employers register on website at careerstreeterie.org. Teachers will contact you
* Also participate in Newspapers in Education through the Erie Times
* All school districts in Erie Co. participates after reviewing experiences online
* Currently looking for sponsors

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Amy Chavelier

* Everyone was given nametags and will need to be turned in at end of meeting
* Guides to Services have arrived
* Discussed business cards for directory – give to Michele Cooney to help correct directory mistakes
* Minutes approved – Jessica
* Second – Kristen

**VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Kristen Gehrlein

* Next month’s speaker Library

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Wendy Wallace

* Previous Report Balance: $33,165.04
* (Income) Deposits: $11,197.25 (Membership Dues, Guide to Services Ads, Valentine’s Day Sponsors and Comic Relief Tables/Sponsors)
* (Expenses) Deduction: $3,716.62 (January Lunch Expense, Website Expenses, Verizon Bill, and Misc. Expenses)
* Current Bank Balance: $40,645.67
* Outstanding Checks not reflected on this Balance: Letti Pelizzer (Art Show) $100.00
* Guides to Services Total Advertising Income to Date: $8983.70
* Comic Relief Income to Date: $3849.71
* Valentine’s Day Luncheon Income to Date: $4,000
* Senior Art Show Income to date: $0

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:** Stephanie Garcia

* If not receiving e-mails see Stephanie

**MEMBER’S AT LARGE:**

* Nothing to report

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:** Michele Cooney

* If there are errors in Membership see Michele
* 96 new members

**ARTS AND CULTURE REPORT:** Ray Maholtz & Mary Beth Pfister

* Letters for sponsorships as well as entry forms/flyers given out
* Looking for baskets/donations

**VALENTINE’S DAY SENIOR LUNCHEON:** Sister Pat Hause

* Reservations are closed
* Volunteers give name tags to Sister Pat
* Volunteers can arrive around 11-11:30
* Luncheon is from 12-2pm

**COMIC RELIEF:** Jessica Textor

* March 28th
* Vendors can arrive at 2:30pm
* Doors open 3:30pm
* Show 5pm

**ELDER JUSTICE:** Pasquale Casane

* Nothing to report

**PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT:** Pam Marlowe

* Nothing to report

**BY-LAWS SISTER PAT HAUSE**

* Board discussed increasing members at large from 3 to 5 people
* Vote unanimous

**NOMINATING:** Carol Donlin/Patrice Mitchell

* Will be approaching people to run for office
* Nominations are in April and vote in May’s meeting
* If not interesting in joining board, encouraged to join committees

**LEGISLATION:** Matt Trott

* Federal shut down temporarily over
* MA transportation program/LIFT changes impacted
* Tuesday, governor presented budget for July 2019
* Anyone who wants to help with legislation see Matt

**FINANCE:** Wendy Wallace

* Thanks to Pam for help with Pay Pal

**GUIDES TO SERVICES:** Todd Kuzdzal

* Get box or half box
* Tried to proof better this year
* $8500 in ads
* Looking into binder for all to review to proof for errors at each meeting
* Also looking into binder for business cards

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* None

**GUESTS:**

* Jennifer Kovach – Locale book clubs
* Carl Berry – CRI
* Kim Rounds – HANDS
* Becca Swick – Sight Center
* Emma Toner – Marketing Director St. Mary’s

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

* Ann Flick – Healing and feeling better – Do have address if anyone wants to send a card
* March 1st – Great Lakes Home Health Hospice will have new name, Family Hospice
* March 19th 5:30-7:30pm – Zack Wild, financial advisor, will be doing next presentation on social security and decision making
* Sept. 21st at Perry Square – Alzheimer’s Association Walk. Committee will be meeting next Wednesday at 12pm at Sheraton. Contact Kristen Gerhlein with questions
* Julie Hartman from Twilight Wish will be stepping down – looking for new director – if interested see her

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST AT THE REGENCY**

**MINUTES SUBMITTED BY STEPHANIE GARCIA, SECRETARY**