

Independent Council on Aging

General Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2021 at 11:30 am
Innovation Learning Center and via Zoom

Meeting was called to order by President Sister Pat Hause at Noon.

Stephanie Garcia, Secretary, was absent and Wendy Wallace agreed to take the minutes.

Program/Speakers: Holiday donation checks in the amount of \$200 per organization were presented to 3 voted upon charitable organizations: Second Harvest Food Bank of NWPA, Therapy Dogs United and Meals on Wheels Erie. Kathie Soudan introduced representatives of the 3 organizations Natalie Massing, Pat Christianson, and Wendy Wallace. Each spoke about their organizations and thanked the membership for the donations. (An additional \$45 was donated through a collection basket at the meeting and distributed \$15 per organization following the meeting.)

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes from the November General Membership Meeting were approved through a motion from Kathie Soudan and seconded by Matt Trott. All were in favor.

President's Report: Sister Pat Hause reported that the Nominating Committee Chair position was vacant. She asked for volunteers and Pat Christianson kindly stepped forward.

Vice-President's Report: Kathie reported speakers are set for the remainder of the year.

Secretary's Report: No Report.

Treasurer's Report: Report was reviewed by Wendy and report is attached.

Members at Large: No Report.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Amy welcomed all new and returning members. Amy and Michele are working on the Membership Directory and plan to distribute it at the January Meeting. Amy circulated a listing for members to review email addresses to assure accuracy of communication. She reported we currently have 60 members but this does not include memberships submitted today.

Arts and Culture Committee: Ray reported Senior Art Show has been a success. He thanked sponsors, donors, co-chair Marybeth Pfister and the entire committee. Opening events were held the week before Thanksgiving and 125 people came through. Special thank you to UPMC

for Life for being a major sponsor and they have committed to sponsor again next year. New signage is up at Gallery. He encouraged everyone to still stop in to register to win artist donated prizes.

Health, Wellness and Education Committee:

- **Elder Justice:** Pasquale reported a date for the next Elder Justice conference has not been set. He plans to organize a committee meeting after the 1st of the year.
- **Comic Relief:** Anee shared that Comic Relief is scheduled for April 24th and it will be revisited after January 1st if postponement will again be necessary. She is remaining optimistic.
- **Valentine's Day:** Kathie spoke about the Board decision to cancel the event due to increasing COVID numbers and it not being responsible to hold an event with large number of seniors in attendance. Kathie has been in touch with the venue – the Bayfront Convention Center- who has been very understanding and we have a reservation for 2/14/2023.

Public Relations: Jennifer has been updating the ICA website and Facebook. She is looking for events to put in ICA's column in the Senior News. She is able to help the membership promote upcoming projects. Encouraged members contact her by email at jmoody@lifewpa.org

Special and Ad Hoc Committees:

By-Laws: No Report

Nominating: No Report

Finance: Wendy reported, after serving a fun-filled 4-year term, she is looking to step down after the conclusion of this fiscal year. The Board is looking for successor for Treasurer position.

Guides to Services: Todd not present, but Sister Pat stated he is working on updating the Guide. The membership was encouraged to submit updates to his attention. Volunteers needed to assist this committee.

Legislation: Matt reported on several Federal and State measures currently passed or under consideration.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Guests and new members were introduced.

The floor was opened for announcements/events.

Motion to adjourn by Wendy and seconded by Kathie. Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wendy Wallace".

Wendy Wallace, Treasurer

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

Next General Membership Meeting Friday, January 7, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. In-person at the Marquette Innovation Learning Center and via Zoom.

**Independent Council on Aging
Treasurer's Report for the Membership
December 3, 2021**

Previous Report Balance: \$30,882.12 from Nov. 5, 2021 General Meeting.

Income from Memberships: \$ 170.00

Deposits:

Memberships (2): \$ 170.00

Expenses: \$ 1,321.45

Deductions:

Traditions(Art Show Reception/gift bags): \$ 876.00

Senior Art Show Artist Award: 100.00

Verizon: 73.43

Amy Chevalier (General Meeting Lunch Exp.) 272.02

Current Bank Balance: \$ 29,730.67

Outstanding Checks Not Reflected on This Balance: \$ 1,303.00

Ck# 5134 Fecko (Artist Award): 25.00

Ck #5148-5150 3 Charitable Holiday Donations 600.00

Ck# 5151 Cincinnati Ins. Co (Annual Liability Ins.) 560.00

Ck#5152 US Postal Service (Annual PO Box Rent) 118.00

Outstanding Deposits Not Reflected in This Balance: \$ 677.20

3 Memberships Checks to be Deposited 255.00

5 PayPal Memberships Pending Deposit 422.20

Respectfully Submitted,



Wendy M. Wallace, ICA Treasurer