

**INDEPENDENT COUNCIL ON AGING**

**10/6/23**

**11:30am**

**Regency and Zoom**

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ray and Terran

**SPEAKER:** Connor Markam, Attorney for NW Legal Services

- 1001 State Street Suite 700 Erie, PA
- If no lease, oral lease month to month
- Written lease – contract that defines responsibilities of landlord and tenant
- Evictions: Nonpayment of rent, unauthorized resident, Failure to recertify
- Disability – Physical/mental impairment
- Landlords need to make homes habitable
- Personal property – need to contact landlord within 10 days – hold for 30 days
- NW legal services helps with: Landlord, tenant issues, SSI, Expungements, PFA's, public benefits, bankruptcy, unemployment, social security, education
- Phone number is 1-800-665-6957

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Kathie Soudan

- We had 2 successful ICA events. Thanks to the committees!

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Lisa Anderson not present

- Nov. speaker is Cancer Wellness Center

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Patty Farrell not present

- See attached report

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Stephanie Garcia

- If you are not receiving e-mails, let Stephanie Know

**MEMBER'S AT LARGE:**

- Nothing to report

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:** Wendy and Sharon

- 49 paid members
- 12 are new members
- RSVP 1 week before meeting whether your coming or not or doing Zoom

**ARTS AND CULTURE REPORT:** Ray Maholtz

- Art show Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-7:30 at Traditions
- 179 pieces
- Secretary of Aging is coming
- UPMC is sponsor of gallery

**VALENTINES DAY SENIOR LUNCHEON:** Pat Hause

- Will be at ambassador this year
- If you would like to be on committee, meetings will start next month at 11am before the General meeting

**COMIC RELIEF:** Ameer Weislogel

- Very successful
- Thank you sponsors

**BY-LAWS:** Wendy Wallace

- Proposal changes to some items on by laws (see attachment)
- Will vote at next meeting

**ELDER JUSTICE:** Pasquale Casane

- Conference was a success
- Next time would like to get word out sooner

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Jennifer Moody

- If you have anything that needs posted please let her know

**GUIDES TO SERVICES:**

- Due to lack of response, executive board decided to remove Todd from the Guides to services
- Wendy will mentor new committee members

**FINANCE:** Patty not present

- Nothing further to report

**LEGISLATION:** Matt Trott

- Federal shut down on hold
- Medicare/MA Ahead Model. Plan to allow 8 states to start all payer model. Looking at 2027

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Pat Christenson

- Nothing to report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Please try to network by sitting at new table with new friends

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Dec. meeting will be for charities chosen for donations
- E-mail recommendation of whatever charity you would like to nominate for donation.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/GUESTS:**

- GSWA Thursday Holiday Inn express 2:30pm. Dues are \$20
- Home instead looking for Be a Santa to a Senior. For those 62+. Also looking for volunteers
- Bingo 2 weeks from tonight Mercy Hilltop Center
- SSJ Thanksgiving dinners will be distributed again this year. More info to come. They served 1200 meals last year
- Niagara Network Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> 8am Holiday Inn Express
- Tammy Pescatelli will be at Kellers Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Alyssa and Wendy

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: Thursday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> at 8am at Maryvale Apts.**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, 11/3/23 at 11:30 at Regency or via Zoom.**

**Minutes Submitted by Stephanie Garcia Secretary**