

INDEPENDENT COUNCIL ON AGING

12/2/22

11:30am

Marquette Savings Bank and Zoom

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Wendy and Pat

SPEAKER: 3 Charities chosen for donation: St. Martin's Center, Mercy Hilltop, St. Pat's Haven

1. Angie from St. Martin's Center
 - Provide Emergency Services including food pantry
 - Provide Self Sufficiency Services including financial assistance, help with utilities, financial literacy
 - Early Learning Center on 18th and State
 - PA Work wear program – Clothing for men to help start working
2. Dina Scribner – Mercy Hilltop Center
 - Senior Center for Independent Seniors
 - Funded largely by GECAC
 - Corner of 38th and Pennsylvania
 - In 2022, had 99 new members
3. Betsy from St. Pat's Haven
 - Recent fire at 239 East 12th Street
 - Mental Health Association – opened lower level to accommodate 20 beds
 - Goal is to get rebuilt
 - A lot of staff are former guests

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Kathie Soudan

- IT issues are resolved
- Link for Zoom will be sent out more timely for the next meeting

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Lisa Anderson

- January: Highmark Caring Place
- Feb: CORE

TREASURER'S REPORT: Patty Farrell not present, Wendy gave report

- See attached report

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Stephanie Garcia

- Continuing to work on updating e-mails

MEMBER'S AT LARGE:

- No current phone issues

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Wendy and Amy

- 67 members paid
- Please call in RSVP to attend general meeting by end of business day Tuesdays (week of meeting)
- Explained duties of Committee: Recruit new members, update information of members, name tags, hear input on how we can do better as members

ARTS AND CULTURE REPORT: Ray Maholtz not present

- Craig is co-chair
- Traditions has a lot of great art for purchase

VALENTINES DAY SENIOR LUNCHEON: Pat Hause

- Committee will be meeting half hour before General Meeting
- Feb. 14, 2023 at the Bayfront Convention Center
- 450-500 people
- In January will ask for volunteers
- Needs baskets for guests to receive chance to win. Bring day of the event or got the Dina and Mercy Hilltop Center
- Will be 5th annual
- Reservations start Dec. 27th. Will be sending out flyer

COMIC RELIEF: Ameer Weislogel

- Already planning for next year
- Planning for Fall
- January will start committee meetings half hour before General Meeting

BY-LAWS: Wendy Wallace

- Looking for Volunteers for Committee

ELDER JUSTICE: Pasquale Casane

- Need volunteers to be on Committee
- Need to pick venue
- Need some speakers
- Hoping to have a meeting in January
- Would like to have conference on a Monday or Friday
- Aiming for June

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Jennifer Moody

- Updating local events on Senior News, Facebook, and website

GUIDES TO SERVICES: Todd Kuzdzal

- Have guides in stock if anyone needs them
- Could use some help with doing updates

FINANCE: Wendy

- Nothing to Report

LEGISLATION: Matt Trott

- Thanks to ICA for advocating with local government regarding proposed budget cuts
- Important to get Seniors involved in their civil rights
- Broadband Affordable Connectivity Program is available. Has a lot of funding especially for older adults.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Pat Christenson

- Must be a member for at least 1 year to hold position on the board
- Vote is in May

OLD BUSINESS:

- Wendy thanks for calculating votes
- Thanks to the Board in helping with writing letter for advocacy

NEW BUSINESS:

- Need to mentor new members in taking an active role in continuing ICA

ANNOUNCEMENTS/GUESTS:

- Megan from GECAC
- Matt from Presbyterian Senior Care Network
- Jenn Kale from Brevillier Village
- Sadie Santiago from HANDS
- Robert from Moravia
- National Fuel outreach coordinator

Motion to Adjourn: Amy and Alyssa

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Thursday, 12/29/22 at 8am at Maryvale Apts.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, 1/6/22 at 11:30 at Marquette or via Zoom

Minutes Submitted by Stephanie Garcia Secretary