

# Independent Council on Aging

## ***General Meeting Minutes***

January 7, 2022 at 11:30 am  
Innovation Learning Center and via Zoom

**Program/Speakers:** Vice-President Kathie Soudan introduced our speaker Emmy Hackshaw of the University of Pittsburgh. She spoke about the All of Us Pennsylvania research program. The mission of the All of Us Research Program is to speed up health research and medical breakthroughs. To do this they are asking one million people to share health data. The health data shared will be added to the All of Us Research Program database that researchers can access and conduct studies. This information is essential to creating a healthier future for generations to come and may lead to the next medical breakthrough.

Meeting was called to order by President Sister Pat Hause at 12:30 pm.

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

**Approval of the Minutes:** Minutes from the December General Membership Meeting were approved through a motion from Amy Chevalier and seconded by Terri Meyers. All were in favor.

**President's Report:** Sister Pat Hause welcomed everyone and recognized the sad news about the passing away of ICA Member and friend Tony Viglione. She also reported thank you notes were received from the 3 organizations receiving holiday donations in December.

**Vice-President's Report:** Kathie reported speakers are set for the remainder of the year. Becca Swick, Director of Marketing from the Sight Center of NWP, will be our speaker in February.

**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. She reported we have 66 paid members. Her committee is working on membership directory. She circulated a binder of current members for any corrections. She announced new members/memberships received after today will be charged the pro-rated amounts. For January it will be \$56.00

Arts and Culture Committee: Ray reported the Senior Art Show has been a success. Raffle winners of artist donated artwork have been notified. Ray asked for continued support from the membership for sponsorship. UPMC has committed to sponsor for another year.

Health, Wellness and Education Committee:

- **Elder Justice:** Pasquale stated the conference planning is still on hold and decisions are pending about virtual vs. in-person and with or without CEUs.
- **Comic Relief:** Ameer was not able to attend, but Sister Pat shared that Comic Relief is scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup> and committee is remaining hopeful that show will go on in some format.
- **Valentine's Day:** Kathie is saddened that we are not able to have the event this year, but the Bayfront Convention Center is reserved for 2/14/2023.

Public Relations: Jennifer was unable to attend. No report.

**Special and Ad Hoc Committees:**

By-Laws: No Report

Nominating: Pat Christianson is starting her work to build the slate of interested officers and Members at Large. Voting will take place in May and new officers will be inducted in June.

Finance: Wendy reported she is looking to step down after the conclusion of this fiscal year. The Board is looking for successor for Treasurer position. Position requirements: MBA preferred, but bookkeeping/accounting experience necessary.

Guides to Services: Todd reported that his committee (thank you to those who have volunteered) is working on updates. They should have the final draft available at next general meeting for review.

Legislation: Matt reported on several Federal and State measures currently passed or under consideration. He also highlighted the Governor's race and other seats up for election.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

Guests and new members were introduced.

The floor was opened for announcements/events.

Motion to adjourn by Ray and seconded by Wendy. Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Wallace, Treasurer

**Next Board Meeting: Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.**

**Next General Membership Meeting Friday, February 4, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. In-person at the Marquette Innovation Learning Center and via Zoom.**