

## **INDEPENDENT COUNCIL ON AGING**

**September 8, 2023, 11:30 am**

### **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Location:** Regency at South Shore

**SPEAKER:** Matt Trott from GECAC/AAA

- Vice-President Lisa Anderson introduced Matt Trott who spoke on the topic of Ageism.
- His presentation was in recognition of Ageism Awareness Day to be held on 10/7/2023.

**President Kathie Soudan called the meeting to order at 12:29 pm**

- Kathie began the meeting by thanking our hosts at the Regency for welcoming us back. Special recognition to Administrator Jennifer Musone, Marie Heberlein and Laurie Kifer, chef.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

- Minutes from the June General Membership Meeting were reviewed and were approved without additions or corrections. Motion by Ray Maholtz and seconded by Katie Young.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Kathie Soudan

- Kathie introduced the Officers and the Members at Large.
- She then introduced the committee chairs/co-chairs and asked them to detail the work and projects of each committee.
- She circulated a committee sign-up sheet and encouraged everyone to join a committee.
- She reported on the difficult decisions made at the Strategic Planning Meeting:
  - Increasing dues to \$100. She explained dues have not been raised in 10-15 years and the organization needs to keep up with inflated costs impacting ICA.
  - Increasing the guest fee for attending the lunch meeting to \$10.00.
  - Increasing sponsorship monetary levels for events to keep up with event expenses.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Lisa Anderson

- Lisa is in the process of scheduling speakers for the year.
- The October meeting's speaker will be from Northwest Legal Services.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Patty Farrell

- See attached report

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Stephanie Garcia

- Stephanie was unable to attend. Minutes for this meeting were taken by Wendy Wallace.

**MEMBER'S AT LARGE:**

- No report, but Kathie thanked them for their hard work answering inquiries on the office phone.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:** Wendy Wallace and Sharon Niemi

- Wendy reminded the membership to pay their membership dues, to RSVP by the week prior to the meeting through Sharon's email ([sharonniemi23@gmail.com](mailto:sharonniemi23@gmail.com)) and to join a committee.

**ARTS AND CULTURE REPORT:** Ray Maholtz and Craig Heuser

- Ray provided an art raffle for the members to participate in and appreciate the work of local senior artists.
- His committee is at work planning events throughout the year. More information to come as dates are confirmed.

**VALENTINES DAY SENIOR LUNCHEON:** Pat Hause

- Pat reported that the annual event will be held on 2/14/2024. More information will be made available as details are solidified.

**COMIC RELIEF:** Ameer Weislogel

- Comic Relief 2023 will be on October 5th at the Shrine Club from 4:00-7:30 pm. Reservations are being taken and a nationally known comedian has been booked.

**BY-LAWS:** Wendy Wallace

- An update to the by-laws will be presented at the October Meeting.

**ELDER JUSTICE:** Pasquale Casane

- Pasquale provided fliers for the Elder Justice Conference which will be held on September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Erie Yacht Club. Speakers are in place and reservations for attendance are still being accepted. CEU opportunities are available.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Jennifer Moody

- Jennifer asked that the members continue to forward information about upcoming events, and she will post and promote.

**GUIDES TO SERVICES:** Todd Kuzdzal

- Ad space is available for the next printing which will be soon. The supply of Guides has dwindled, and updates will need to be made for the next edition. See Todd if interested in helping.

**FINANCE:** Patty Farrell and Wendy Wallace

- No report

**LEGISLATION:** Matt Trott

- Matt updated the membership on local, state, and federal legislation and budgetary matters.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Pat Christianson

- No Report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Kathie congratulated Jen Moody for her ICA Member of the Year Award last June. Well deserved!

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Kathie reminded the membership that friendly networking is encouraged, but coercive marketing will not be tolerated.
- Kathie reminded members to pay dues by the end of October if possible. When a company or organization is paying for membership or memberships, it must purchase a membership for each person who will be regularly attending meetings. Substitutes can be made if the member is unable to attend. Members can also bring guests at the fee of \$10.00 but must remember to RSVP in advance.
- Kathie recognized Ann Flick and thanked her for attending after some serious health issues.

**New members and guests were introduced. General announcements were made.**

**Art raffle winners were drawn and announced.**

**THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE ON FRIDAY, October 6, 2023, at 11:30 am at the Regency at South Shore.**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:16 pm. Motion made by Pat Christianson and seconded by Dina Scribner.

Minutes submitted by Wendy Wallace, Board Member

