**Independent Council on Aging**

**January 4, 2019 at The Regency**

**General Meeting Minutes**

*Brittany Barko of Lake Erie Music Therapy was our guest speaker. The Erie Co. Library was unable to make it today.*

*The business portion of the meeting was called to order at 12:25 pm by Amy.*

**Presidents’ Report: Amy Chavelier**

Minutes Approved –Matt

Seconded by Wendy

**Vice President’s report: Kristen Gehrlein**

Feb = Career Street

March = Tax info

**Treasurer’s Report: Wendy Wallace**

Beginning Balance -$32, 288.27

Ending Balance - $33,165.04

**Secretary’s Report: Jill Curtis for Stephanie Garcia**

Jill will remain acting secretary…Welcome back Stephanie!

**Membership Committee Report: Michele Cooney**

Membership guides were distributed today. Beginning this month, new member fees will be prorated.

**Arts and Culture Report: Ray Maholtz & Mary Beth Pfister**

Sponsorship letters going out first of the year. May 5 = Art Show

**Health, Mental Health and Education Report: Sister Pat Hause, Jessica Textor**

Valentine’s Day Senior Lunch will be at the Convention Center. We need basket donations. 11 am arrival for anyone volunteering day of event.

Comic Relief: March 28 at the Shrine Club. Sponsorship info available now.

Committee meets at 11 am prior to the general meetings.

Pasquale reported on Elder Justice Task Force. Board will be scheduling meetings for the year. Watch for emails in February.

**Public Relation Report: Pam Marlowe**

Remember to send events you are hosting to Pam and she will put on the ICA website.

**By-laws:Sister Pat Hause**

No report

**Nominating: Carol Donlin/ Patrice Mitchell**

Accepting nominations for the board.

**Legislation: Matt Trott**

Partial federal government shut down. HUD is affected.

Secretary Osborn is leaving Dept. of Aging for a promotion. Mr. Torez will be the new PA Dept. of Aging. Background is health IT.

State budget will be forthcoming this spring. Transportation broker is approaching and will make a significant impact. Looking to ICA for role in advocacy.

**Guides to Services: Todd Kuzdzal**

Revisions need to be sent to Todd today. Hope to distribute at Feb. 1 meeting.

Would like all ads by 1/11/18 for a January print date.

**Old business:**

none

**New business:**

none

**Announcements:**

**Guests:** Latice Jones, options caseworker

Paul Rogers, Grumpy 1 and Grumpy 2 show

LECOM Pharmacy student

**Announcements:**

* Ann Flick has suffered a broken ankle. Please send her well wishes.
* **Wear red on 2/1/19 for Heart Association Awareness.**
* Per Russ Taylor: Their new project is “Family tales library”; where they gather stories from seniors and put them on Grumpy Old Men website. The stories will also be read to seniors/ families etc. This is free.
* Events at Manchester 2/7 heart healthy cooking demo
* UPMC and Presby lecture at Sheraton on 2/12
* Encompass Health (former Health South) Stroke and AHA partnership. Chamber ribbon cutting 10 am –5 pm / blood drive 2/10/19 Business after hours event will be held there as well.
* Twilight Wish Foundation: Julie is stepping down from this position.

Winner of the 50-50 is Lori Brinker.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:53 pm with a motion by Kristin and a second by Pam.**

Next general meeting will be Friday, February 1, at 11:30 am at the Regency.

Minutes submitted by Jill Curtis, acting secretary