**Independent Council on Aging**

**January 5, 2018 at The Regency**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**Featured Speaker:**

* Michael Lehman “Pathstone” Senior Employment Program
* Non profit funded through the Dept. of Labor
* Oversees Lawrence, Mercer, Crawford and Erie Co.
* Age 55 years and older. Income based BUT SSI and SSD are excluded as income.
* “host sites” must be non-profit or government funded
* Program pays the wage of $7.25/ hour up to 20 hours / week.
* Host site is responsible for training and overseeing the worker.

*The business portion of the meeting was called to order at 12:24pm by Wendy.*

**Presidents’ Report: Wendy Wallace**

* A moment of silence was held in loving memory of Yvonne Gulick.
* Happy New Year to all!
* December 2017 minutes were approved.
* Need volunteers for Valentines Lunch and basket donations as well.
* Looking to add to by-laws a memorial gift for current, active members that pass away.

**Vice President’s report: Amy Chevalier**

* February speakers will be Maggie McQuisten and Bruce Davis
* March speaker will be Katherine Reim.
* April we are hoping to secure Lyle Cook.

**Treasurer’s Report: Lindsey Canchola**

Beginning Balance on 11/13/17 was $46,949.03

Ending Balance - $37,952.87

**Secretary’s Report: Jill Curtis**

None

**Members at Large Report:**

Per Gert, free tax prep is available through GECAC.

**Membership Committee Report: Michele Cooney**

* Remember the table tent contest! Display the ICA table tent at your next health fair, snap a photo and post on the FB page. Winner will be selected at the end of the year and will receive a free ad in the next Guide to Services.
* New members will receive a prorated fee for this year.

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

* Meetings at 10:30 am prior to general meeting.
* Sponsorship letters will be going out in February.
* Posters will be ready then as well.
* Looking for basket donations as well.
* Remember to visit the Gallery ☺

**Health, Mental Health and Education Report: Amee Weislogel & Sister Pat Hause**

* Elder abuse task force will meet at 11 am on 1/22 at the Regency. All interested parties are welcome to attend. Contact Julie Hartmann with questions.
* Valentine lunch is approaching quickly. Please have all RSVP’s in by 2/1/18. We have room for 500 attendees.
* Comic Relief has secured David Belmondo as the MC. That will be 4/12/18 at the Shrine Club. There are 12 VIP tables and 25 vendor tables available.

**Public Relation Report: Pam Marlowe & Kristen Gehrlein**

none

**By-laws:Sister Pat Hause**

none

**Nominating: Carol Donlin**

Said a brief hello ☺

**Legislation: Matt Trott**

Government may end up shutting down as there are too many bipartisan issues. State is working on budget which is proposed in February.

**Guides to Services: Kristen Gehrlein**

New, updated version has been printed and is available in packs of 10. Contact Kristen Gehrlein if / when more are needed.

**Old business / Pending Projects:**

Holiday donations were deeply appreciated and thank note read.

**New business:**

None

**Introduction of guests:**

Todd Kuzdzal’s dad, Floyd.

Cynthia and Tracy from GECAC.

Brady Heinz from Exact Care Pharmacy.

Brian from BSI Insurance attended with Zac Wild.

**Announcements:**

Kathie Soudan is now the clinical liaison for Presbyterian Senior Care. Lindsey is very happy ☺

Kirsten Wyman is the new director of business development for HCF.

GSWA will meet again on 1/11 at 2:30 pm at St. Vincent.

Twilight Wish is accepting nominations for seniors. See Julie Hartmann.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:52 pm.**

Next general meeting will be Friday, February 2, 2918 at 11:30 am at the Regency.

Minutes submitted by Jill Curtis, Secretary

January 8, 2018