

Independent Council on Aging
General Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2017 at the Regency
70 ICA members present

Featured Speaker:

Randy from Highmark PALS program

Key points:

Began in 1997 in 29 counties of PA

Must have a Highmark Medicare policy as primary or supplemental insurance in order to qualify.

Little known services include: dusting, vacuuming, escort to medical appointments, companion, phone calls, sorting mail, yard work, transportation.

Book clubs and walking clubs

1.800.988.0706

Always looking for volunteers.

Wendy called the meeting to order at 12:31 pm

President's Report:

Thanks to Regency for hosting us.

October Minutes Approved- Kristen

Second – Lindsey

Nominating chair position is vacant...please consider.

Vice President's Report:

No speaker in December as we will have the non-profits attend and receive their gifts of \$100 each.

St. Pat's Haven, Embracing our Veterans and Therapy Dogs United.

January 2018 speaker will be Michael Lehman from Pathstone

Treasurer's Report:

As we have such a large balance, we will double the Christmas donation to \$100.

Current balance \$49,122.22

Secretary's Report:

Will be updating the membership list

No reports from members at large.

Membership Report:

ICA Member Directory is available now.

We have 23 NEW members this year!

Mary Beth - Arts Committee: Join our Arts Committee! 11 am meeting before regular ICA meetings

Remember: Gallery Night, Traditions Art Gallery and any artist over age 55 is welcome to show pieces of art.

Early call for sponsorships now being accepted.

Amee - Comic Relief Committee:

Committee meetings will be after the general meetings each month.

Early call for sponsorships now being accepted.

Basket raffle donations were mentioned and asked members to remember to think of all events in an effort to "spread out the generosity".

April 12th at Shrine Club is set.

Valentine's Day Senior Lunch will be at the Convention Center. Starting to plan the food. 2/14 falls on Ash Wednesday - which we'll plan accordingly.

Kim - nominating committee- Looking for a new rep for Nominating Committee. No new report.

Pam--Public Relations

Fun idea! Display your ICA table tent at an event and take a picture. Post it on the ICA website and a winner will be randomly selected to receive a free add in the next Guide to Services !

Remember to submit ideas for Senior News. Don't forget to use our FB page and ICA page!

Bi-laws: No report**Matt Trott – Legislation**

We have a funded budget!

PA resources can be found at carelink.pa.gov

Kristen Gehrlein - Guides to Services

We have 10,000 printed and ready to be distributed. Please take some with you after today's meeting.

Old Business

Elder Abuse Task Force: Interested parties see Julie Hartmann. We also need seniors to sit on the task force as well.

New Business: none

Guests:

Kristy Anderson—LECOM home care

Bruce Davis and Maggie McQuisten –Medication Packaging

Announcements:

- Ann Flick - GSWA- Thursday, Nov. 9 at LECOM Nursing and Rehab
- LIHEAP apps are available
- Rent rebates have been extended to the end of the year
- Open enrollment for the APPRISE program
- Pasquale will be the guest on the Newswatch Insider on NBC
- New APS worker at GECAC, Dana Stuart
- Bark and Brew is coming right up
- Social Security is seeing a 3% cost of living increase
- Erie VA is having a dementia fair on 12/9 from 10 am until Noon
- Cross Home Care is new to Meadville—Welcome!
- Mercy Hilltop welcomes all to their Vets Day Program
- Santa Program sponsored by Home Instead. Wrapping is 12/12 at Home Instead. Call Kolby for details.
- Heartland Hospice raised \$5000 for AAA Crawford County!
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- 50/50 is \$30 - winner is Bridget

Meeting adjourned at 1pm

The next general meeting is December 1, 2017 at 11:30 am at the Regency.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Curtis

