

Independent Council on Aging

October 6, 2017 at The Regency

General Meeting Minutes

70 ICA members present

Featured Speaker:

Pasquale from GECAC

Elder Abuse

- On pace for 1100-1200 elder abuse referrals this year
- GECAC Older Adult Protective Services for individuals 60 and above
- Same investigation whether it's a mandatory report or voluntary report.
- Handles Abuse, Neglect, Abandonment, Exploitation for residents over the age of 60

- Must meet four elements to pursue an investigation:
 - Resident of Erie County for GECAC to do the investigation
(But will take all counties in PA and report to proper authorities)
 - Imminent Risk
 - Some type of Incapacity
 - No Caregiver

- Four results: No need for investigation/non-priority/priority/emergency
20 days to make a determination if report elements are substantiated or unsubstantiated.

- If you call to report a case - the reporter's information/identity cannot be released.
- Capacity is a medical term. Legally incompetent - only a court can determine this.
- GECAC no longer handles guardianship.
- Cannot provide medical, legal or financial advice
- Predominantly financial exploitation

GECAC - 459-4581 ext 516

After hours messaging - 451-1520

The business portion of the meeting was called to order at 12:34 pm by Wendy.

Presidents' Report: Wendy Wallace

Thanks to Regency for hosting us.
Minutes Approved- Matt Trott GECAC
Second - Ann

Speaker for next meeting is Randy Detwiler from Highmark PALS report

Vice President's report: Amy Chevalier

no report

Treasurer's Report: Lindsey Canchola

Beginning Balance \$44,696.65
\$18.81 one withdrawal
Ending Balance - \$44,677.84

Secretary's Report: Jill Curtis

No report

Membership Committee Report: Michele Cooney

ICA Member Directory will be available in November. Will distribute as quickly as we can.

Patty Farrell and Amy Chevalier will receive a free ad in the next Guide to Services - winner from Membership Event. Congrats!

Please join a committee!

Arts and Culture Report: Ray Maholtz & Mary Beth Pfister

Join our Arts Committee! 11am meeting before regular ICA meetings
Early call for sponsorships now being accepted.

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

Thinking about changing committee meeting time to after the general meeting at 1pm.

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.

Public Relation Report: Pam Marlowe & Kristen Gehrlein

Senior News - Don't forget to submit your events on the 15th the month prior. Info available on ica website, icaerie.org.

By-laws:Sister Pat Hause

No report

Nominating: Kim Whelan

Looking for a new rep for Nominating Committee. Thank you Kim for your years of dedication!

Legislation: Matt Trott

Back to square one with the budget impasse.

Impact likely to happen soon if nothing is agreed upon in Harrisburg.

Human Services -- House Bill 59 - Heard the Governor will veto this bill.

CHC is still slated to begin in Pittsburgh area on time.

Guides to Services: Kristen Gehrlein

Working with Todd from Proforma to print the guides as soon as possible. No longer have a relationship with our previous printer.

Old business / Pending Projects:

Potential for Elder Abuse forum. Patrice Mitchell and Matt Trott motioned and seconded for the idea to move forward with an Elder Abuse Forum.

Turn in an idea for ICA Christmas Donation.

Three most voted-on charities will be selected as winners in November.

New business: none

Announcements:

Guests:

- Erie News WICU/WSEE sales rep. We help get the word out about businesses or services.
- HealthSouth Marketing Liaison--Jeff Duncan.
- Mercy Hilltop Center Exec. Director -Jeff Duncan--filling in for Amy C along with a graphic and web designer. From UK - Recently graduated from Mercyhurst and she's currently seeking freelance work.

Announcements:

- Ann Flick - GSWA- Thursday, Oct. 12 from 230 - 4 at Manorcare. Topic is Advanced Directives
- Jill Curtis - Big Champions from Walk: raised 500 dollars - Kristen G., Senior Helpers, Ray M from GECAC, Tony Viglione, Zac Wild
- \$1000 - Dianne and Bob Cunningham, Leanne P and Megan Weaver from Presby and Debbie Wisinski, Debbie Merski
- Debbie from Alz Assoc: Caregiver Conference at Erie Art Museum on Nov. 17 and free of charge for caregivers.
- Alz Assoc. Nov. 16 Professional Conference at the Bayfront.
- Lakeland Hospice - Purse Bingo on October 13 at Active Aging in Meadville! And Oct. 18, A living wills presentation at Juniper Village in Meadville.
- 50/50 is \$36 - winner is Kristen Gehrlein

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm with a motion by Pam and a second by Sister Pat.

Next general meeting will be Friday, November 3 at 11:30 am at the Regency.

Minutes submitted by Jill Curtis, Secretary and Pam Marlowe

October 10, 2017

