**INDEPENDENT COUNCIL ON AGING**

**9/9/22**

**11:30am**

**Marquette Savings Bank and Zoom**

**GENERAL MEETNG MINUTES**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** No current approval of minutes. Stephanie had some computer issues and lost the last General Meeting Minutes. Per bylaws, will need to recreate from memory. Stephanie will work on completing.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**  Kathie Soudan

* Currently recruiting for members to join committees
* Discussed proposal made to add student membership. Fee proposed was $10
* Budgets due for committees

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

* Looking for speakers
* Ellen Hill will be speaker for next month from the YMCA to talk about Chronic Disease
* November – Jenn Moody
* December – Charity Donations

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Patty Farrell

* See attached report

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:** Stephanie Garcia

* Currently working on updating e-mails with new members
* Stephanie discussed GECAC members e-mails are being returned.

**MEMBER’S AT LARGE:** Vicki Gilchrist and Dina Scribner

* Continue to check phones

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:** Wendy Wallace and Amy Chevalier

* Member Fest was a success. Will continue to do every year. Received 11 memberships.
* Would like to have all RSVP for General Meetings in by Noon Thursday before the meeting to Amy Chevalier
* Dues are currently due and is $85
* Please sign up for committee
* Membership directory on website and do have electronic links to person you are looking for
* Goal is to get name tags for all
* Bruce Davis would like to sponsor the student memberships

**ARTS AND CULTURE REPORT:** Ray Maholtz

* Oct. 19th – Fall Festival Show from 5-8pm
* Happy hour: Wine, hors d’oeuvres, and new art
* Need help with Committee
* Writing article for the Senior Tri State News

**VALENTINES DAY SENIOR LUNCHEON:** Sister Pat Hause

* Secured Feb. 14 2023 at Bayfront Convention Center
* In the past have had 500 people
* Event is a luncheon for Seniors with baskets, entertainment, food
* Will be having meeting at 11:00am before the General meeting starting next month if anyone would like to join

**COMIC RELIEF:** Amee Weislogel

* Everything is in order
* All comics, venue, lighting, band is in place
* Oct. 2nd from 4-7:30pm at the Zem Zem
* Need to get the word out to get attendees
* Volunteers need to be there by 3pm
* Emcee is David Belmondo
* If needed, can drop off baskets to Dina at Mercy Hilltop Center
* Opening Comedian is Sky Sands

**BY-LAWS:** Wendy Wallace

* Reviewed at the Strategic Planning meeting
* Proposed changes include:
* Article V – Members, #1 Proposed addition: Student
* Article V – Members #3 Proposed change: to 3 classes of membership: Voting and nonvoting
* Proposed addition under C. Student Non-voting: student members who pay dues in the reduced dollar amount determined by the board may attend meetings, receive minutes, volunteer during events but will have no voting privileges
* Article VII – Officers, #7 Secretary will provide written notice to members including the minutes of previous meeting and notice of the next meeting.
* Will vote on changes at next meeting
* If you would like to join the committee, let Wendy know
* Bylaws on the website are not the most up to date

**ELDER JUSTICE:** Pasquale Casane

* Aiming for next June
* Looking at maybe Marquette. If not enough room will have to look for another space
* If interested in presenting or being on the committee let Pasquale know

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Jennifer Moody

* Keep sending her any events by the 12th of every month for Senior News
* Discussed contest where you take picture with ICA table tent and post for a chance to win free membership for the following year

**GUIDES TO SERVICES:** Todd Kuzdzal

* Guides are here. Please take a box.
* Any Changes let Todd know

**FINANCE:** Patty Farrell

* Wendy passed over all information to Patty

**LEGISLATION:** Matt Trott

* A lot of money for Broadband service, especially for older adults to have access to internet
* 70% additional rent rebates and Property tax. State does not claim this as income by some other programs do.
* Election Nov. 8th for new Governor in January. All bills that do not pass by November will have to be reintroduced for the following year
* If you would want to be on committee, let Matt know

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Pat Christenson

* To be a board member must be a member for over 1 year
* Vote in May and appointed in June

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* Tony Viglione tree. There was a proposal for Golf Tournament but was cancelled. Instead of another tree they would like hydrangeas

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

* Oct. 27-28 City Mission having conference
* GSWA (Alyssa): Did tree dedication for Tony at Blessed Sacrament. Next meeting is at the Holiday Inn Express on Oct. 13th. The meetings are 2nd Thursday of every month
* Niagara Network next meeting is Sept. 21st at 8am at the Holiday Inn Express
* Katie Young = 16 handicap ADA Coming up soon
* Interchurch Ministries is doing a collection of winter clothing. If you have a donation, please give to Ann Flick
* Amy Chevalier shared some programs currently through the Health Dept. including: Matter of balance, Planning for Emergencies Program, Youth event Escape the Vape walk at Perry Square
* Wendy Wallace shared Meals on Wheels is in need of volunteers
* Patty Farrell shared information about Celebrity Bartending event on Thursday from 5-8 at the Sloppy Duck to benefit Alzheimer’s Association
* Sept. 24th benefit at Polish Falcon’s Club on East 3rd street. Doors open at 12:00.
* 50/50 winner Matt Trott

**Motion to Adjourn:** Alyssa Scalise and Amy Chevalier

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: Thursday, 9/22/22 at 8am at Maryvale Apartments**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, 10/7/22 at 11:30 at Marquette Savings Bank**

**Minutes Submitted by Stephanie Garcia Secretary**