

INDEPENDENT COUNCIL ON AGING

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

04/14/2023

Speaker: Lisa Anderson, Vice President, introduced our speaker from the Crime Victim Center of Erie County. If interested in further information, please call 814-455-9414 or go to www.cvcerie.org.

Business Meeting was called to order at 12:17 pm by President Kathie Soudan.

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes from the March General Membership Meeting were not available for approval but will be presented to the membership prior to next month's meeting.

President's Report:

- Kathie reported the sad news that Stephanie Garcia's mom passed away this week and thus was unable to send out a meeting reminder or minutes. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to her entire family.
- Kathie reminded the membership that the Board Meetings are open for all members to attend. The meeting dates and location are listed on the ICA website.

Vice-President's Report:

- Lisa reported that the May speaker will be Ray Maholtz who will be speaking about this year's Senior Art Show, and he will also bring a sampling of the art and excitement to the meeting.
- There will be no speaker at June's meeting. We utilize the year-end meeting to recognize the accomplishments of the year and to thank the officers and committee chairs. The induction of newly elected officers will also be held.

Secretary's Report: No Report

Treasurer's Report: Patty Farrell provided a full report with \$28, 262.01 being the ending balance.

Members at Large: No Report

Membership Committee Report: Wendy Wallace reported we currently have 78 members. Information will follow regarding an updated digital membership directory and Member-Fest during the late Summer.

Arts and Culture Committee Report: Ray Maholtz reported the 2023 Art of Aging Show, Sale, Reception and Art Raffle will be held Wednesday, May 17 from 5:00-8:00 pm at Traditions Unlimited. This event kicks off the Senior Art Show which will run until September 1. Deadline for entries is May 4. The committee is still looking for artwork sponsors. The exciting news is that famous artist Susan Hale Kemenyffy will be judging the show this year. Please consider donating a basket which will be used as a fundraising raffle at the event. Baskets can be brought to the May ICA Meeting. Kathie encouraged all to attend and support the Show.

Health, Mental Health and Aging Committee Report:

Valentines Day: Thank you notes are being received from appreciative attendees and Kathie shared one note with the group. Pat Hause reported that the event received \$11,500 in sponsorships and the expenses totaled \$12,231. Although the event resulted in a slight loss, funding was available from proceeds from previous committee events. It was a success for all who participated and attended. If the event remains at the Convention Center, the venue is already booked for February 14, 2024. Next year's venue, date and time will be further explored by the committee.

Elder Justice: Pasquale Casane reported that due to schedule conflicts the primary speaker will not be available for a June event. It was decided the Elder Justice Conference will be moved to September. The committee is considering the Erie Yacht Club as a venue. Pasquale is grateful for those who have volunteered for committee work, and he will be providing another update at the May meeting.

Comic Relief: Ameer Weislogel reported that Comic Relief will be on October 5th at the Shrine Club from 4:00-7:30 pm. She is still looking for sponsors but has confirmed the PA Link as a sponsor. She is finalizing the confirmation of the headliner but is excited about the prospect of a female, nationally known comedian and actress.

Public Relations: No Report

By Laws: No Report

Nominating: Pat Christianson stated she is still accepting nominations for officers for the 2023-24 year. At least one additional Member at Large is needed for a full slate. The election will be held at the May meeting. The slate currently is as follows:

President: Kathie Soudan

Vice-President: Lisa Anderson

Secretary: Stephanie Garcia

Treasurer: Patty Farrell (Appointed Position)

Members at Large: Terran Meyers, Dina Scribner, Janet Overholt, Katie Young and Alyssa Scalice.

Legislation: Matt Trott updated the group on Federal, State and local legislation and Governor Shapiro's work toward a "Master Plan on Aging".

Finance: No Report

Guides to Services: No Report

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements and Guests: Guests were introduced, and upcoming event announcements were made. The 50/50 was drawn.

Motion to Adjourn: Alyssa and Wendy. Meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm

Next Meeting is Friday, May 5, 2023, at 11:30 at Marquette's Innovation Learning Center

Next Board Meeting is Thursday, April 27 at 8:00 am at Maryvale Apartments