

Friends of Woodbury Senior Community Center, Inc.

Minutes of Meeting, December 6, 2024

In Attendance: A. Campbell, D. Chester, L. Grayson, L. Kearney, B. Lyons, F. McDougall,
B. McManus, N. Mackey, S. Sherman

Unable to Attend: B. Gardella, C. Volage

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 by Chairman Arlene Campbell.

Minutes: Motion by Sharon to approve minutes from Nov. 1, 2024; 2nd Lynne. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy reviewed reports for Nov. 30, 2024 and Year-to-Date as of Nov. 30, 2024. She noted we now have \$20,000 in our Advised Account with CT Community Foundation.

Committee Reports

Membership — Deb

- A group sent out 130 membership reminder letters for the *Friends'* membership campaign.
- There are currently 29 members to date for 2025; the goal is 125.
- Deb noted that we will need to revise the membership brochure in Jan., 2025.
- Fran suggested promoting *Friends'* membership in classes and activities at the Center by those of us who participate.

Publicity — Sharon

- Sharon is working on a holiday email newsletter to all *Friends* members that will include: membership, our donation from The Charcoal Chef (we received \$234), upcoming concerts, Give Local in April, and openings on the *Friends'* Board. She will also include this information for the Senior Center newsletter.
- She noted that *Friends* will no longer be involved with the Mini-Golf activity at the Center. This will now be managed by Monica Gotti and the Boy Scouts.
- Fran suggested publicity and photos for the upcoming AV project installation in Jan., 2025.

Concerts — Lynne

- Upcoming concerts:
 - March 9, 2025: Chirignon/Hill Flute & Guitar Duo
 - March 30, 2025: CTAW's "Once" cast will present Irish Pub Music.
- Next year will be the *Friends'* 50th concert, and Lynne has asked The Doox of Yale to perform. When we celebrate this occasion, Sharon suggested honoring the Woodbury Bethlehem Community Music Foundation, as they have been a main supporter of our concerts.

Commission for Seniors, notes from Susan Coates, reported by Beth

- Continued discussion about use of the Center by the community when building is not in full use.
- Woodbury is a "transportation desert," and the Commission will focus on options.
- Fitness room refitting is almost complete; grand opening in Jan., 2025.
- Security cameras are being installed in and on the Senior Center building.
- The freezer in the kitchen failed; parts unavailable.
- A third bus will be ordered for the Center in the first quarter of 2025.
- The AV replacement installation is scheduled for Jan., 2025.

Privilege of the Floor

- Arlene will talk to Loryn about how *Friends* might help with the freezer in the kitchen.
- Arlene is keeping a calendar of *Friends'* and Woodbury activities that affect the Senior Center.
- Lynne would like to have a concert with Music Haven students from New Haven at some point.

Meeting adjourned 10:40

Beth Lyons, Recording Secretary