

Friends of Woodbury Senior Community Center, Inc.

Minutes of Meeting, January 3, 2025

In Attendance: A. Campbell, D. Chester, B. Gardella, L. Grayson, B. Lyons, F. McDougall, B. McManus, N. Mackey, S. Sherman
Unable to Attend: L. Kearney, C. Volage

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Chairman Arlene Campbell.

Minutes: Beth noted 2 errors in Dec. minutes: spelling of Gati (not Gotti) and amount received from Charcoal Chef (\$224, not \$234). Motion by Nancy to accept minutes as amended; 2nd Linda. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy reviewed reports for Dec. 31, 2024 and Year-to-Date as of Dec. 31, 2024.

Chairman's Report

- AV System will be installed in the O&G Room over two weeks in January. Sharon will arrange photo op to include herself, Claudette and a representative from O&G. Sharon and Claudette were responsible for obtaining the \$10,000 donation from O&G for the project.
- Refrigerator/freezer for the Senior Center: Considerable discussion about *Friends* donating money to purchase a new unit to replace the one that is not working properly and can't be fixed.
 - This was a used donation from Charles Bartlett.
 - If it's submitted for approval in the Town's budget, it may not be approved until FY 2026.
 - Bernie offered to speak with First Selectman Perkinson about why this item should be the Town's responsibility and not left up to *Friends* to bankroll. He will report at the next meeting.
 - Fran: Motion for *Friends* to proceed with purchase and installation of refrigerator/freezer for the Senior Center not to exceed \$11,000; 2nd Deb. Vote: 8 in favor; 1 opposed; 2 absent. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Membership — Deb

- 94 members for 2025; goal is 125.
- Deb noted suggestions from members: install hooks in ladies' room; move towel dispenser near sink.
- Regular monthly space in Center newsletter for *Friends*' logo and news? Sharon will check on this.
- Suggestion: place a drop box at the Center for membership forms so they don't have to be mailed.
- Membership brochure needs to be revised and reprinted; Deb, Sharon, Beth and Fran will meet on this.
- Discussion about membership dues: start at \$15 (individual); \$25 (household); also \$50, \$100, other.

Publicity — Sharon

- Holiday e-newsletter was sent; working on winter newsletter to include ION Bank Community Awards Program, *Friends*' membership, March concerts, Give Local.

Commission for Seniors — notes from Susan Coates

- Regional transportation services will be main focus for Commission in 2025.
- Holiday Party at Center served 100 and included carolers.
- Diana Brandt is new Program Assistant. She was Assistant Coordinator for Watertown Senior Center.
- Senior Center's Fitness Center Open House is January 17.

Privilege of the Floor

- Deb visited the Litchfield Community Center and noted that cushions are available for the chairs. She will talk to Loryn about getting them for our Senior Center.

Meeting adjourned 10:55

Beth Lyons, Recording Secretary