

Friends of Woodbury Senior Community Center, Inc.

Minutes of Meeting, September 6, 2024

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:01.

Special Presentation: Tricia Poirier, Connecticut Community Foundation

Ms. Poirier spoke to *Friends* about investment of money for nonprofit organizations. She gave brief overviews of two funds: the Nonprofit Advised Fund and the Nonprofit Endowment Fund. The Advised Fund is a good way to save money for larger projects; the Endowment Fund helps create annual income to support an organization's work over the long term. Fran asked which fund she would recommend to *Friends*, and she said to start with the Advised Fund because our money will grow and be accessible — we have access any time and there is no penalty for withdrawal. It just requires \$10,000 to initiate.

- Motion by Bonnie to get started with the Advised Fund now; 2nd Bernie. Approved.
- Motion by Fran to take \$10,274.55 from our Reserve Account and start an Advised Fund account with CT Community Foundation and designate Nancy and Fran to manage it with CCF; 2nd Lynne. Approved.

Minutes: Motion by Arlene to approve minutes from June 7, 2024; 2nd Lynne. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy presented reports for June, July, August, 2024 and Year-to-Date June, July, August, 2024. Fran and Arlene will talk to Loryn about Senior Center projects coming up, as we have money to spend. :)

Nominating Committee: Arlene, Linda, and Lynne volunteered to present a slate of candidates for the upcoming election of officers at the October Annual Meeting. (See note at the end of minutes.)

Committee Reports

Membership — Deb

- 123 members for 2024; letters will go out in December for membership campaign, 2025.

Publicity — Sharon

- Upcoming newsletter will include: *Friends'* Annual Meeting Oct. 4; "Community Conversations on Aging" at Senior Center; *Friends'* upcoming concerts; upcoming membership drive; fundraising at Charcoal Chef on November 4 for *Friends*.

Concerts — Lynne

- September 15: Jack Sings Dino at 2pm
- October 20: The Valley Chordsmen — barbershop
- March 9: Chirignon/Hill — guitar and flute duo
- March 30: Community Theater at Woodbury (CTAW) — the cast of "Once" (by Sondheim) to present Irish pub music.
- Lynne noted the total for all concerts is \$1600, which is covered by the Woodbury/Bethlehem Music Foundation.

Commission for Seniors — from Susan

- See Annual Report attached, along with schedule for "Community Conversations on Aging."

Other

- Lynne read a letter we received from Loryn Ray regarding the Senior Center van that was donated by *Friends* and which has now been retired. She detailed its history and thanked *Friends* for its service. Sharon noted how successful we have been in helping the Senior Center.
- Claudette will prepare agenda for October Annual Meeting, which will include *Friends'* accomplishments for the year.

Meeting adjourned ?? (sorry, forgot to record time)

Beth Lyons, Recording Secretary

Addendum:

The Nominating Committee was able to meet with prospective officers after our meeting Sept. 6. Here is the slate of officers for the upcoming election at our Annual Meeting on October 4. This was voted on and approved by those still in attendance.

Chair: Arlene Campbell

Vice Chair: Fran McDougall

Recording Secretary: Beth Lyons

Corresponding Secretary: Deb Chester

Treasurer: Nancy Mackey

Deputy Treasurer (unofficial office): Claudette Volage