

Friends of Woodbury Senior Community Center, Inc.
Minutes of Meeting November 1, 2024

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

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

Minutes: Corrected minutes were sent to all Board Members by Beth prior to the meeting. Motion by Sharon to approve corrected minutes; 2nd Claudette. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy reviewed reports for Oct. 31, 2024 and Year-to-Date as of Oct. 31, 2024. Nancy and Fran met with Tricia Poirier of the CT Community Foundation regarding our Advised Account and will report on this at the December meeting. There was discussion about whether to add more money to this account, considering the amount we need for operating expenses for the year. Motion by Deb to add another \$10,000 to the Advised Fund with CCF; 2nd Bernie. Approved.

Committee Reports

Membership — Deb

- Currently 123 paid members out of 140 on membership list; 4 more were added for 2025.
- Membership letters will go out in the next 2 weeks; Deb will need help stuffing envelopes — she will send a notice to Beth, who will forward to Board Members at the appropriate time.

Publicity — Sharon

- Email newsletter goes out quarterly or as needed. There will be a mini-newsletter for the holidays.
- Next newsletter will include information about membership; The Charcoal Chef donation to *Friends* from Dec. 2 proceeds; upcoming concerts; Give Local in April; request for new Board Members.
- There was discussion about having a raffle basket as a fundraiser at The Charcoal Chef on Dec. 2. It was noted that baskets are more trouble than they're worth, as they don't raise much money. Motion by Linda to have a raffle basket at The Charcoal Chef on Dec. 2; 2nd Bonnie. Call for vote: No (10); Abstain (1); Absent (1). The motion did not pass.

Concerts — Lynne was absent

- Upcoming concerts:
 - March 9, 2025: Chirignon/Hill Flute & Guitar Duo
 - March 30, 2025: CTAW's "Once" cast will present Irish Pub Music.

Commission for Seniors — Susan

- Vacancy on Commission for an alternate. Meetings are 2nd Thursday of the month at 1:30.
- Karen Reddington-Hughes was invited to discuss how housing, transportation, and cost of living are being considered at the state level. She offered to alert Woodbury residents when public hearings will take place.
- The policy for use of the Senior Center was discussed. It currently can be rented out only on weekends, which does not promote community use during the week. The Center schedule will be reviewed to see how it can accommodate other town groups and/or youth programs.

Privilege of the Floor

- Sharon talked about how lucky we are to have Loryn Ray as Director of the Senior Center.
- Arlene noted that grab bars haven't been installed in restroom yet. Ed (Building Maintenance) will install them soon, according to Fran, who spoke with him recently.

Meeting Adjourned 10:38

Beth Lyons, Recording Secretary