

## **INDEPENDENT COUNCIL ON AGING**

**December 1, 2023, 11:30 am**

### **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Location:** Regency at South Shore

**SPEAKER:** Holiday Charities Selected by Membership

- Vice President Lisa Anderson introduced speakers from Emmaus Ministries, Chosen and Erie Cancer Wellness Center who spoke about their organizations and were presented with checks from ICA and monetary donations collected from members in attendance.

**President Kathie Soudan called the business meeting to order at 12:30 pm**

- Kathie welcomed everyone to the December Meeting and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

- Stephanie Garcia, Secretary, was unable to attend today's meeting and minutes are being taken by Wendy Wallace. The minutes from the October General Membership Meeting were presented and approved with a motion by Ray Maholtz and second by Pat Hause. All were in favor. The minutes from the November General Membership Meeting were also presented, and a motion was made to approve by Katrina McCallough and second by Brigid Joint. All were in favor.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Kathie Soudan

- Kathie thanked everyone for voting for the holiday charities and noted votes were tallied by Pat Hause.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Lisa Anderson

- Lisa reported that the programs have all been scheduled through the end of the year.
- January speaker will be Jackie Beardsley from National Fuel.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Wendy Wallace (temporarily appointed Treasurer)

- See attached report.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Stephanie Garcia not present

- General announcement to make the Board aware if you are not receiving meeting announcement emails. Some emails continue to bounce back.

**MEMBER'S AT LARGE:**

- No report.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:** Wendy Wallace and Sharon Niemi

- Sharon reported that we have 69 paid members to date. 18 of which are new members and there are 18 outstanding members not yet paid.
- Wendy reminded the membership to pay their membership dues, to RSVP by the week prior to the meeting through Sharon's email ([sharonniemi23@gmail.com](mailto:sharonniemi23@gmail.com)).
- Dues will begin to be prorated in January for new members attending their first meeting.

**ARTS AND CULTURE REPORT:** Ray Maholtz and Craig Heuser

- No Report.

**COMIC RELIEF:** Ameer Weislogel and Dina Scribner

- No Report.

**VALENTINES DAY SENIOR LUNCHEON:** Pat Hause

- Pat reported that the annual event will be held on 2/14/2024 at the Ambassador and there are only 2 planning meetings before the event.
- Committee meetings will be held prior to every General Membership Meeting at 11:00 am at the Regency.
- Committee is on target and working toward another successful event.
- Reservations will start to be accepted on 12/26.
- Sponsorship opportunities are available. Prior large sponsors have been contacted.
- Pat stated fish will be one of the entrées served due to the event falling on Ash Wednesday.

**ELDER JUSTICE:** Pasquale Casane

- Pasquale and committee are beginning to work on a conference to be held in June 2024. The keynote speaker has been secured: Dr. Susan Troutner. Other speakers are being approached. Sponsors are being contacted and opportunities are available.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Jennifer Moody

- No Report.

**BY-LAWS:** Wendy Wallace

- No Report.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Pat Christianson

- Pat has been looking for volunteers to fill the ballot for officers and members at large. If interested, please see her.

**LEGISLATION:** Matt Trott

- Matt updated the membership on local, state, and federal legislation and budgetary matters.

**FINANCE:** Patty Farrell and Wendy Wallace

- No report

**GUIDES TO SERVICES:** Wendy Wallace

- Katrina McCallough, Robert Gilmer, and Brigid Joint. They are doing a wonderful job with this project. Updates to the listings are being made.
- KimCopy was the printer the committee selected.
- Ad space is being sold at a brisk pace. Information can be found at ICA Erie. org
- Proof will be available in January.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Thoughts and prayers continue for Patty Farrell who remains hospitalized.
- Thank you to the Regency for hosting our meeting and providing us with a wonderful meal.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- None.

**New members and guests were introduced. General announcements were made.**

**THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE ON FRIDAY, January 5, 2024, at 11:30 am at the Regency at South Shore.**

**The NEXT BOARD MEETING will be on December 28 at 8:00 at Maryvale Apartments.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53pm. Motion made by Terri Meyers and seconded by Wendy Wallace.

Minutes submitted by Wendy Wallace, Board Member