

**PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER COMMITTEE ON AGING**

**DECEMBER 8, 2022 MEETING MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**        *Director: Shawn Cohen, Assistant Director: Ronda Guberman, Chairperson: Sally Miller, Sue DesRochers, Joan McBain, Brenda Tella, Charlotte Politis, Soni Sperduti, Kathie Marsan, Tina Wishart, Kathy Pugliese*

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Betsy Creswell

**MEETING WAS OPENED AT 12:00 Noon** by Chairperson Sally Miller

**THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH A PRAYER** by Joan McBain

**MOTION was made** by Soni Sperduti and seconded by Kathie Marsan (vote unanimous to accept the minutes of November 10, 2022)

**TOWN OF PLAINVILLE TREASURER'S REPORT** read by Joan McBain

**MOTION** made by Charlotte Politis and seconded by Sue DesRochers (vote unanimous to accept the report as read)

**THE SENIOR CENTER STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCE ENDING** November 2022 was read by Ronda Guberman

**MOTION:** was made by: Charlotte Politis and seconded by Joan McBain (vote unanimous to accept the report as read)

**EXPENDITURES:        NO EXPENDITURES**

**DIRECTORS REPORT**

- A: Thanksgiving Dinner – great success – 70 meals total. George and Sandy – grateful to have them – 26 years or so. 46 Years of serving dinner for people who have nowhere to go.
- B: Holiday Dinner – Toffolon back to making Christmas centerpieces. Danielle Rivera and family volunteer for over 30 years.
- C: Cookies for Cops – to show appreciation to our police. Made about 150 cookies for our cops. Sue, Kathie and Charlotte baked them.
- D: Open House: COA members, Sue, Sally, Betsy on committee celebrating April 2025. Ella Grasso attended the first opening. \$150,000 to renovate to make Senior Center. Recommend was Community Orchestra. Meeting to take place for ideas.
- E. Capital Improvement: Replace carpeting in several rooms – about \$33,000 total cost, spread over 2 years. Also, increase yearly amount put aside to purchase Dial-A-Ride bus. Decreased

grant funding and federal subsidies plus supply chain issues and lack of computer chips plus increased cost for parts, metal, wheelchair lifts and more contributes to approximately 40% increase in bus cost.

F. FY '24 Budget – no budget yet but will be working on it.

G. Bus – drivers needed. Will need new bus – we have 2021, 2017 and 2011 bus. Because we will only have 1 driver after January 6, there will be a limited DAR schedule and no quick trips until a new driver is hired. Stephanie will sign people up with ADA and Senior Transportation services.

H. Open Enrollment – Stephanie – very busy! 90 People already – multiple meetings – works with Health Department, police dept – clientele exceeds 700. Now working on OLM giving tree. New Year's Medicare enrollment. Increase in SNAP food program. Salvation Army bell ringing at Gnazzo's.

I. COVID Clinic – December 12. Last one for 2022. 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM free, walk-ins welcome.

J. Michaela's Seed Packing – December 19 – Café area. Come and help pack seeds – 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM.

K. New Year's Party – December 28 – 1:00 PM. Chili, pierogis appetizers – music and dancing, photo booth.

**OLD BUSINESS:** COA luncheon at D' Marie's, December 29 at 1:00 PM.

**NEW BUSINESS:** AARP up and running. January 18 is the first meeting. Trips planned for New York, Narragansett Bay, Quonset Bay – Lobster in Maine, etc.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** was made to adjourn at 1:10 by *Charlotte Politis*, seconded by *Sue DesRochers* and unanimously approved.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, January 12, 2023

12:00 Noon

**ALL COA MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Minutes by Secretary: *Tina Wishart*