

CHELSEA COUNCIL ON ELDER AFFAIRS

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Jaimie called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. and a prayer was said.

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Roll Call was taken. Present: Gerald DeStefano, Laurel Newson, Antonio Ortega, Jaimie Santos, Tracy Nowicki and Greg Walczak. Absent: Duke Bradley, Irene Malachowski and Charles Chapman.

**Secretary's Report:** Everyone received notice of the meeting. Gerald DeStefano made a motion to accept and Antonio Ortega 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tracy provided the Board with the report and the petty cash report. Gerald DeStefano made a motion to accept and Greg Walczak 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

- **Old Business:** The transportation matter was discussed. Tracy has had several conference calls with City Manager, Tom Ambrosino, who has approved funding for transportation for the center. She stated how she is getting quotes from different agencies for transportation 3 days a week to and from the center from the senior housing buildings in the city. Gerald DeStefano asked if the transportation would be used to get to Bocce but it will just be for people to come to the center.
- Tracy met with Assistant City Manager, Ned Keefe, regarding the parking issue. They are developing a plan to contract with Verizon for the use of their lot for seniors participating at the center. We do not have the authority to monitor who parks there or to have people move their cars from the Verizon lot. Gerald DeStefano made a motion to accept and Greg Walczak 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.
- **New Business:** Tracy is working on starting some new programs at the center. She will be applying for a grant that will offer a caregiver program at the center.
- Laurel Newson suggested a Book Club and/or a once a month evening activity for the "younger" seniors who still work. Also discussed was partnering with Community Schools for an evening ceramics class to be held at the center.
- Tracy requested to City Manager, Tom Ambrosino, to change the name of "Senior Center" to something more appealing to younger seniors.
- Bingo has been growing on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- Gerald DeStefano asked about the roof-top garden and hot topping the parking lot/driveway. We are having the railings replaced and new flower beds. There was talk of having a greenhouse but that would be a lot of up-keep for our members. Gerald DeStefano made a motion to accept and Laurel Newson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**Party Committee:** The Fiesta Fashion Show/Hat Contest was a big success. Again, there has been discussion of combining the parties to one a month since the Fiesta has had lower attendance. Also discussed was the possibility of hiring different entertainers and more food choices. Antonio Ortega made a motion to accept and Jaimie Santos 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**Travel Committee:** Tracy is working on day trips especially since the nice weather is approaching. The Foxwoods is scheduled for Thursday, June 14, 2018. Laurel Newson made a motion to accept and Antonio Ortega 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

There being no other business, Gerald DeStefano made a motion to adjourn at 10:36 a.m. and Jaimie Santos 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.