

**CHELSEA COUNCIL ON ELDER AFFAIRS**  
**DECEMBER 12, 2018**  
**MINUTES**

Duke called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. Prayer was said and a moment of silence for deceased members.

Roll Call was taken. Present: Jean Chapman, Gerald DeStefano, Irene Malachowski, Jaimie Santos, Jerry Slater Tracy Nowicki, Greg Walczak, and Marianne Winship. Absent: Duke Bradley and Antonio Ortega

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

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

- **Old Business:** The transportation has seen an increase in participation. There will be a photo op with the SCM shuttle and some of the seniors who use the service along with Board Members. The drivers of the shuttles are very friendly and go above and beyond if anyone needs help getting off the bus and into the center or their buildings. Gerald DeStefano made a motion and Greg Walczak 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.
- **New Business:** Tracy has been working on a pamphlet for outreach to the seniors in the community.
- Tracy introduced Geraldine Portillo, Senior Advocate to the board and explained what role she plays servicing seniors.
- Since some months are hard to get a quorum for our meetings, Tracy asked if the board would like to have a winter recess as opposed to summer recess or if we should meet quarterly. The Board voted to meet quarterly which would not take effect until next year. Greg Walczak mentioned we could have a brunch or lunch if the meetings were every other month or quarterly.
- It was mentioned to do a survey of what clubs/activities the members of the center would want. One idea was to have a dominoes club. Marianne Winship has dominoes she will donate.
- Tracy is looking to purchase a new key card system for the center. This will allow people to check in at the center using a member card and will also allow us to have a "reverse 911" to call members in the event we need to get notifications out to the senior population. Funding for the MY SENIOR CENTER system would come from the Formula Grant.
- Marianne Winship suggested we have center members bring a friend to the center so they can see what programs and activities we have. Marianne Winship made a motion to accept and Gerry DeStefano 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.
- **Party Committee:** At the December Fiesta the party goers dressed and sang cultural songs. The menu was Latino style which the party committee would like to continue to have. The January Fiesta will include the Three Kings play put on by members and employees with the direction of Carlos Rosado and Marianne Ramos. We will be having our annual "Ugly Sweater Contest" at the December Monthly Social. Jerry Slater agreed to play Santa. Greg Walczak made a motion to accept and Jerry Slater 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**Travel Committee:** We have no trips for the winter months. The Foxwoods trips will resume in March. Greg Walczak made a motion to accept and Irene Malachowski 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

There being no other business, Gerry DeStefano made a motion to adjourn at 10:06 a.m. and Irene Malachowski 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.