

CHELSEA COUNCIL ON ELDER AFFAIRS
SEPTEMBER 11, 2019
MINUTES

Jaimie called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. Prayer was said and a moment of silence for deceased Board Member Duke Bradley.

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

Secretary's Report: Everyone received notice of the meeting. Irene Malachowski made a motion to accept and Greg Walczak 2nd the motion.

Treasurer's Report: Tracy provided the Board with the report and the petty cash report and again explained that the money is used for decorations, refreshments for presentations, cab fare for a member under certain circumstance, water for Bocce and anything extra for the parties, coffee, etc. Marianne Winship made a motion and Greg Walczak 2nd the motion.

- **Old Business:** The 3rd annual Bocce Tournament between Chelsea and Revere will be on Saturday, September 28th at Voke Park. We are not having DJ George since the players could not hear during the game with the music playing. The Chelsea Police Department will be there with the ice cream truck handing out free ice cream and CCTV will also be there taping. The food is still being determined. We may have both pizza and boxed lunches. We could not do a barbecue this year since Lindley (caterer) is not open on Saturdays.
- Marianne Winship said she spoke with ISD regarding a new kitchen at the Center but we would not be able to cook and sell lunches since that would be considered a restaurant and there are strict regulations. Also, kitchen help would need to be Serv-Safe certified whether they are employees or volunteers.
- There will be a new company for our senior shuttle service. We are hoping to eventually add day trips and trips to the mall, etc. Marianne Winship asked if the Market Basket runs will be changed to weekdays as opposed to weekends. Tracy Nowicki is trying to work on a new schedule for that. Gerry DeStefano made a motion and Irene Malachowski 2nd the motion.
- **New Business:** The Center had its annual inspection and for the most part everything checked out okay, other than a few emergency exit lights which have been rectified. Unfortunately one of our volunteers did have a fall which resulted in her breaking her arm. We are not sure what caused her fall, it could have been due to the way she walks, but we did remove the area rugs and are having the thresholds reinforced.
- Members of the Senior Center will be taking part in the City's Neighbor Way Art Project which was funded by a grant from AARP. Marianne Ramos and Mimi Graney will be managing the project. The members will be painting murals on panels to make window coverings for the Division Street area which will be installed in October.
- The first annual Chelsea Day will be held on Saturday, October 19th. Broadway will be blocked off and there will be vendors, dance, music and art displays. The Senior Center was asked to do a cookie bake-off for members 55 or older. They are asking for seniors to bake 1-3 dozen cookies with the recipe attached in both English and Spanish. There will be a taste test to determine the winner. We are looking for at least seven people to participate. If the member cannot make it on Saturday they can drop off their cookies at the Center on Friday.
- New Board Member, Rebecca Swope will be at the next meeting. Greg Walczak made a motion and Jerry Slater 2nd the motion.

Travel Committee: The Foxwoods/Captain Jacks trip had a small group so we had to cancel. There will be no Turkey Train since transportation is expensive and not enough people signed up to cover the cost of the bus. Other centers are also lacking in people signing up for trips. Irene Malachowski made a motion and Gerry DeStefano 2nd the motion.

Party Committee: The September Fiesta will have an authentic Latino menu due to Lindley acquiring City Serve as the caterer. DJ George will be at the October Halloween Social but we are looking into obtaining other entertainment to add to the party. Gerry DeStefano made a motion and Jerry Slater 2nd the motion.

There being no other business Jerry Slater made a motion to adjourn at 10:19 a.m. and Jean Chapman 2nd the motion.