

**CLARENCE SENIOR CITIZENS, Inc.
4600 THOMPSON ROAD
CLARENCE, NY 14031**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Date: December 9, 2021**

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am by Chair Violet Oldenski.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Lori Adams, Corine Artis, Jim Blum, Jeff Buckley, Dave Meacham,
Violet Oldenski, Rosemond Ruhland, Paul Schulz, Wayne West .

EXCUSED: Carol Gettings

Executive Director: Debb Sabbatis

Town Board Liaison: Bob Geiger

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MISSION STATEMENT - Jim Blum

SECRETARY'S REPORT- Jim Blum

November 12, 2021 Regular Board meeting minutes draft distributed.

Motion to approve draft minutes of November 12, 2021 made by Jim Blum.

Second by Corine Artis.

Voting to approve draft November 12 minutes aye (6) Artis, Blum, Buckley, Meacham, Ruhland,
West. Voting nay (0). Voting abstain (2) Adams, Schulz.

Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Wayne West

November Treasurer's Report - Received and referred for audit.

Vanguard - Investments increased.

Investments List - Given to those who requested it.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT - Violet Oldenski

Board Holiday Bonding Lunch - Scheduled for Brookfield Friday, December 10 at noon.
Mask will be required.

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Board Appointment - Motion by Violet Oldenski that the CSCI Board recommend to the Town Board that Corine Artis be reappointed to the CSCI Board for a three year term. Second by Jim Blum.

Voting aye (8) Adams, Artis, Blum, Buckley, Meacham, Ruhland, Schulz, West.

Voting nay (0).

Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Debb Sabbatis.

COF 12/09/2021

As of 11/31/2021 - Paid members 825; Total bus mileage 10,654

Month of November - New members 14; Total Attendance 1022; Activities 872;
Special Events 284; Off-Site Events 65; Lunch Meals 567; Meals (frozen) 306;
Dinners served 106; Bus riders 84; Bus miles 1,168

Comments - Reviewed selected numbers. Slowly getting members back to normal. Most programs are increasing. We are making a comeback from Covid. People are excited. There is not so much fear of new Covid.

November Highlights: Local author, Bonnie Parsons visited Book Club on 11/09; Veteran's Luncheon on 11/10 with special presentation by the American Legion and music by Step in Time; Batavia Downs trip 11/15; Health Insurance Enrollment Event 11/17; Tailgate Terror Bus Trip 11/19; Thanksgiving Luncheon 11/23; Friendsgiving Event 11/23 with the Hastings Duo; Center closed on November 25 & 26.

Upcoming Programs and Events:

December: Best of Christmas trip 12/01; Tea Party 12/07; Twelve Days of Christmas from 12/08 to 12/23 - prizes for lunch participants at each lunch, Holiday Craft 12/09, Dinner and a movie 12/14, Safe Driver Academy 12/15 (stand up comedian), BPO Concert 12/16; Holiday Luncheon with Ladies First Quartet 12/16, Dinner and a movie 12/21, New Years Luncheon at Salvatore's 12/27 (cost \$35 but a \$50 value), Dinner and a movie 12/28, New Years Gala 12/29 with Nightones entertainment, New Years Luncheon 12/30.

Fundraising - Holiday Cash Raffle - Made over \$910.

Note: "Put some jingle in your stocking" fundraiser

Event was held from October 1 to November 22 with drawing on November 22.

For \$10 entry each participant was entered in a drawing for 1st prize of \$1000, 2nd prize of \$500 and 3rd and 4th prizes of \$250 each.

COVID19

Vaccines - Clarence Pharmacy offered all three common vaccines at the Center on 12/08. Beneficial for people who had trouble making reservations on line.

Masks - Requirement continues by Erie County mandate.

Covid19 Cases - No known recent cases of Center members.

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Capacity Limits - No current limits on capacity.

Contact Tracing - None currently.

Marketing - This was the last month after three months of Val Pak advertising. A lot of people heard about us from the Val Pak.

Food Containers/Environment - NYS Department of Environmental Conservation will enforce no styrofoam food or beverage containers beginning January 1, 2022. We have filed for a hardship exemption which has not been determined at this time. We hope the costs of alternatives, which cost us about double, will come down as more use them.

Email - The Email system is in operation. A few people still want the newsletter by regular mail.

Diners - Comment that prices were not known when the newsletter came out. Places, prices, and dates were offered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE & PEC - Violet Oldenski COF 12/02/2021

Executive Committee - Met to set agenda for Board meeting.

Performance Evaluation Committee (PEC) - Met to discuss annual performance review.

FINANCE - Wayne West COF 11/23/2021

Financial Statements - October accepted.

Investment Policy - Nearing completion. Hope to have available for Board review in early 2022.

Vanguard Account - Investments increasing comment at Treasurer report.

Operating Budget - Payroll adjustments for 2022 will cause more deficit. Changes in the Budget will be proposed to the Board.

Team - Committee members participation is very, very good and very helpful.

MEMBERSHIP & PROGRAMS - Rosemond Ruhland COF 12/06/2021

Friendship Tree - For recognition of contributions to the Center.
There will be at least four levels for the many donations to the Center.

Platinum - \$1,000 up

Gold - \$500 - \$999

Silver - \$100 - \$499

Bronze - \$25 - \$99

The Tree needs to be stained and a location in the Center selected by the Executive Director. A notice will be in the newsletter stating what the tree is all about.

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Suggestion Box - One suggestion on old movies was received.

Dash's - We received a check for \$800 donation.

Death notices - Decision on including in the newsletter will be made by the Executive Director.

Scheduling - Question on scheduling two events in one day. Schedules set by the County or others are out of our control.

NOMINATING - Lori Adams

No meeting. Committee has recommended nomination of officers as follows: Chair - Lori Adams, Vice Chair - Carol Gettings, Secretary - Jim Blum, Treasurer - Wayne West, Assistant Treasurer - nomination open and seeking candidate.

PERSONNEL - Carol Gettings

No report.

LEGISLATION & BYLAWS - Jim Blum

No report.

PLANNING - Jim Blum

No report.

OLD (unfinished) BUSINESS -

Investment Policy - In review by Finance Committee.

Board Candidates - Comment that we need candidates for replacements. Each Board member should be looking for them.

NEW BUSINESS -

Election of Officers for the year 2022 - Chair comment that In each case candidates offered by the Nominating Committee have confirmed willingness to serve in the office.

Chair - The Board Chair stated that the nominee was Lori Adams and requested other nominations three times with no other responses. There being no other nominations, the Secretary cast one ballot to elect Lori Adams to the position of Board Chair.

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Vice-Chair – Board Chair stated that the nominee was Carol Gettings who is not here but has stated she is willing to serve. The Chair requested other nominations three times with no other responses. There being no other nominations, the Secretary was directed to cast one ballot to elect Carol Gettings to the position of Board Vice-Chair.

Secretary - Board Chair stated that the nominee was Jim Blum and requested other nominations three times with no other responses. There being no other nominations, the Secretary was directed to cast one ballot to elect Jim Blum to the position of Secretary.

Treasurer - Board Chair stated that the nominee was Wayne West and requested other nominations three times with no other responses. There being no other nominations, the Secretary was directed to cast one ballot to elect Wayne West to the position of Treasurer.

Assistant Treasurer - The Secretary stated that no nominee was offered.
Jim Blum nominates Violet Oldenski for Assistant Treasurer.
The Secretary requested other nominations three times with no other responses.
There being no other nominations, the Secretary was directed to cast one ballot to elect Violet Oldenski to the position of Assistant Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into Executive Session under NYS Public Officers Law, Article 7, Section 105 (1f) of the Open Meetings Law to discuss the work history of a specific individual made by Violet Oldenski. Second by Rosemond Ruhland.

Voting aye (8) Adams, Artis, Blum, Buckley, Meacham, Ruhland, Schulz, West.

Voting nay (0).

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to go out of Executive Session made by Violet Oldenski. Second by Jeff Buckley.

Voting aye (8) Adams, Artis, Blum, Buckley, Gettings, Meacham, Ruhland, Schulz, West.

Voting nay (0).

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Performance Evaluation Executive Director - Motion to approve the agreed upon proposed performance evaluation of the Executive Director for the year 2021 made by Jim Blum. Second by Dave Meacham. Voting to approve the evaluation aye (8) Adams, Artis, Blum, Buckley, Meacham, Ruhland, Schulz, West.

Voting nay (0). Voting Abstain (0).

Motion carried unanimously.

TOWN BOARD LIAISON - Bob Geiger

- 1) Thank you - Dave Meacham for serving on the Board all those years.

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- 2) Thanks - All the new officers for accepting the responsibility.
- 3) Center Membership - Encouraged by the increase
- 4) Projects - In Town moving forward include Tractor Supply, Wolcott road apartments,
- 5) Rotary Lobster Fest - Plan to move forward on it.
- 6) Market in the Hollow - Expect to continue next year. Conversations continuing.
- 7) Samuels - Apartments plan and outside wedding area are in discussion.
- 8) Wehrle Bike Path - Moving ahead on north side of Wehrle
- 9) HVAC (Heating, ventilating & air conditioning) for Senior Center - In work with Town Engineer. (In Cares Act grant package).

PUBLIC COMMENTS (received in writing)

Chair Comment - Public Comment from November was reviewed by the Executive Committee.
No action was recommended. On Chair request, there were no Board comments.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no other business, Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:38 am.

TRAINING SESSION - None.

TOWN HAPPENINGS - Bob Geiger - Covered earlier.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - Thursday, January 13, 2022

Jim Blum, Secretary