

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

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Date: March 11, 2021**

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

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Lori Adams, Jim Blum, Jeff Buckley, Carol Gettings, Mary Anne Kermis,  
Dave Meacham, Violet Oldenski, Rosemond Ruhland, Paul Schulz.

**EXCUSED:** Wayne West.

Executive Director: Debb Sabbatis

Town Board Liaison: Bob Geiger

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MISSION STATEMENT - Mary Anne Kermis**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT- Jim Blum**

February 11, 2021 Regular Board meeting minutes draft.

Motion to approve draft minutes of February 11, 2021 made by Jim Blum.  
Second by Paul Schulz.

Voting to approve draft February 11 minutes aye (8) Adams, Blum, Buckley, Kermis, Gettings,  
Meacham, Ruhland, Schulz. Voting nay (0). Voting abstain (0).

Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT - Mary Anne Kermis**

Treasurer's Report - Report covering February received and referred for audit.

Balances - High balance in Operating Savings is due to receipt of 1st quarter stipend.  
Investments are steadily going up.

**BOARD CHAIR REPORT - Violet Oldenski**

Annual Meeting - Thursday, March 26 at 1:30pm. Try to be here by 1:15pm. Reports are in and package will be prepared.

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### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Debb Sabbatis.

**Comments** - Only 444 members have signed up this year. We will see that number pick up. Frozen meals were at 266 and are even higher now. People are starting to come back to congregate dining. Since reopening we are starting to see people come in. We've reached out to some people who are just not ready to come in. Program Coordinator is doing a good job creating new programs: We sometimes get a small response to new programs at first .

**As of 02/28/2021** - Paid members 444; Total bus mileage 3390

**Month of February** - New members 1; Total Attendance 693; Activities 682;  
Special Events 10; Off-Site Events 0; Meals served 90; Frozen Meals 266;  
Bus riders 18; Bus miles 391

### February Highlights:

Usual Programs - Many are now on the schedule

Frozen Meals - Program growing in popularity

Local dining two days each week.

Tuesday Matinees - four scheduled in February

Valentine's Dinner (drive through) - Friday, February 12

### Upcoming Programs and Events:

#### March Highlights -

Erie County Congregate Dining - Began Monday, March 1

Chair Yoga & Stretch with Terri Tubbs

Fun & Games Fitness with Terri Tubbs

Beginner Tai Chi and Tai Chi Plus with Terri Tubbs

Birthday in a Bag (drive through) celebration sponsored by Univera

Seneca Niagara Casino Trip - Wednesday, March 17th

Annual Senior Health & Fitness Fair - (drive through) at Clarence Town Park Clubhouse,  
Wednesday, May 26 from 10 am to 12 pm

Annual Basket Raffle & Chicken BBQ - TBD - Probably not do.

#### Future -

Cash Raffle Fundraiser - Thursday, April 1st to Sunday, May 30. Four prizes, Drawings on Tuesday, June 1st. Some details were reviewed including promotion.

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PPP(Payroll Protection Program) - No word on it yet. Still in the pipeline where the Small Business Administration is backed up.

**Office Computers** - Start to install new Dell PC's and HP monitors next week. Warranties were reviewed. Information Technology help will be on time and materials after 30 days.

Dash's Donations - We have received \$1075 since October. Members have been mailing in their Dash receipts.

Covid Restriction - We are still at a maximum of 50 people in the building.

Members not Renewed - Comments on possible programs to attract members back who have not yet signed up for this year.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**EXECUTIVE & PEC** - Violet Oldenski COF Exec 03/04/2021

Executive Committee - Met to set agenda for this meeting.

Performance Evaluation Committee (PEC) - Did not meet.

**FINANCE** - Mary Anne Kermis COF 03/04/2021

Financials - January approved.

Vanguard Investments - The Vanguard status report for March was distributed and shows our investments continue to go up. Committee members have been discussing policy for investments.

Audit - Audit is done. The supplier changed plans to be able to explain the whole thing at our Finance meeting. CSCI is in a strong financial position. We plan to recommend organizing the information into separate categories like programs, administration and fundraising. Committee Chair reviewed the Auditor's Report, Statements of Financial Position (including handling of PPP), the 990, and the Char500 pointing out important details. The audit reports are provided to the Clarence Town Board.

Motion by the Committee to approve the Audit, Financial Reports, the Form 990, and the Char500. Voting to approve the audit reports aye ( 8) Adams, Blum, Buckley, Kermis, Gettings, Meacham, Ruhland, Schulz. Voting nay (0). Voting abstain (0).  
Motion carried unanimously.

**MEMBERSHIP & PROGRAMS** - Rosemond Ruhland COF 2/22/2021

Donation Recognition - We currently have several plaques on building walls. Committee recommends copying what Akron Senior Center has done. It would include a stained wooden tree board (about 5' by 5') with the opportunity to place metal leaves of various colors according

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to the level of donation. Voting to approve this approach aye ( 8) Adams, Blum, Buckley, Kermis, Gettings, Meacham, Ruhland, Schulz. Voting nay (0). Voting abstain (0). Motion carried unanimously.

Special Plaques - For Directors, Board Chairs, and others need to have things added.

**Non Resident Members** - Committee recommends allowing non residents to become Clarence Senior Citizens Center members. Considerable discussion on this subject.

Comments included:

Other Erie County Senior Centers allow non resident members with possibly a special fee.

CSCI already allows non residents to take part in programs under certain circumstances.

CSCI allows any Erie County resident to take part in County programs here (ie. congregate dining, resistance exercise) who meets the County requirements.

We have a policy on guests that allows non residents to use unused space in programs under certain conditions with a fee involved.

The Town of Clarence provides funding which might mean that a fair fee for a non resident of Clarence could be hundreds of dollars.

Our Certificate of Incorporation states we serve Clarence Seniors.

Our Bylaws have qualifications for Clarence Senior Citizens Center membership.

We accept non resident members who formerly lived in Clarence.

We should be trying to attract back the members who did not sign so far this year first followed by attracting members from the thousands of Clarence residents who meet the age requirement for membership.

The issue exists in other Clarence recreation programs and other Clarence facilities like the tennis courts used for Pickleball.

Sources of funding may influence what can or should be done. CSCI is the only corporation operating a senior center in Erie County. Others are all departments of a town or village.

Advantages of allowing non resident members include new ideas, opportunities for more programs, and more people in some programs.

Consensus became to informally seek the feeling of the Town of Clarence Board on non resident members. A motion to table the matter was made by Jim Blum. Second by Paul Schulz. Voting to approve tabling the matter of possible non Clarence resident members in the Clarence Senior Citizens Center aye ( 8) Adams, Blum, Buckley, Kermis, Gettings, Meacham, Ruhland, Schulz. Voting nay (0). Voting abstain (0).

Motion carried unanimously.

**NOMINATING** - Lori Adams

No report.

**PERSONNEL** - Carol Gettings

No report. Meeting today.

**LEGISLATION & BYLAWS** - Jim Blum

No report.

**PLANNING - Jim Blum**

No report.

**OLD (unfinished) BUSINESS -**

Annual Meeting - Covered earlier.

Wall Plaques - Covered earlier.

**NEW BUSINESS -**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**TOWN BOARD LIAISON - Bob Geiger**

Pickle Ball - Amherst residents using Clarence courts at expense of Clarence people.

Tractor Supply - Proposed location on Main Street east of Shimerville next to gas station

Dollar Store - Proposal for Clarence Hollow

Pavilion at Town Park - New near library, may use for open hearings

Eastern Hills Mall - Chamber Truck Show was very successful  
- Market on Saturday and Sunday

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (received in writing)**

Chair Comment - One Public Comment was received last meeting.  
It was reviewed at the Executive Committee and no action is recommended.

Public Comments - One public comment was received today.

**ADJOURNMENT** - There being no other business, Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:17 am.

**TRAINING SESSION** - None.

**TOWN HAPPENINGS** - Bob Geiger - Covered before.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING** - April 8, 2021

Jim Blum, Secretary