

Seven Oaks Senior Center Council Meeting
Monday, June 26, 2023

Minutes

Attendance:

Beckie Ebert: Director, Karen McDonough: Assistant Director, Jim Lightner: President, Ed Konig: Vice-President, Rob Ermer: Treasurer, Gail Smith: 1st Assistant Treasurer, Wayne Knowles: 2nd Assistant Treasurer, Edie Dietrich: Recording Secretary, Penny Brown: Corresponding Secretary, Gina Wheeler & Bob Somers: Members-At-Large, Betty O'Carroll: Sgt. At Arms, Nancy Bach: Past President, Barbara Wilt: Home Team

Call to Order- 12:30PM

Jim welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the special guests:
David Marks, Councilman
Renee Smith: Representing Maryland State Senator Kathy Klausmeier
Al Muehlberger: Commission on Aging

Approval of 4-24-23 Minutes

Minutes approved.

Financial Report: Rob Ermer

Profit & Loss for April through May 2023

Total Expense: \$14,689.95

Net Income: \$41,266.03

Total Liability: \$148,810.19

Financial report approved as is.

Rob presented the New Budget for FY2023-2024 with projected Expense and Expected Profit, to the members.

A motion was taken to accept the New Budget for FY2023-2024. A second motion followed and all approved.

Committee Reports:

Travel Report: Ed Konig

Next Delaware Park Casino Trip- 8/9

Guys and Dolls, Dinner Theater-8/11- still short on signing up. Will have to cancel if not enough people.

C&D Canal Boat Cruise 6/23 was a go. The 6/22 C&D Canal Boat Cruise is rescheduled for 8/24.

Thu 7/27 Travel Southern Charm Pre-Trip Presentation (2pm)

International Child Report: Nancy Bach

No report

Caring Across the Community: Penny

The next delivery is 6/29 for 13 people.

The next meeting is in August to prepare for September.

The Seven Oaks Senior Center 12 months of Kindness for July 2023, will be dedicated to CAC. Support our members by donating your change. Two change jars will be in the lobby: one at the front desk and one on the table lobby by the chairs. The other two jars will be by the coffee machine and in the Fitness Center.

Old Business:

Past Events:

- **Reading Buddies Book Donation: Ed**

13 books were donated to the Seven Oaks Elementary School and 10 Reading Buddies participated in the program this year and received great reviews from the school staff and the children.

Looking for more volunteers for next school year.

- **Adventure Club- White House Tour- May 16**

Everyone enjoyed the tour.

Vivian, the leader of the Adventure Club, said that the program is going very well and a lot of people have enjoyed many trips already.

M& T Stadium was a lot of fun- 5/23

Turkey Hill Ice Cream Experience- 6/15- Self guided tour and ice cream treat.

More Adventure Club trips are planned:

Good Life Farmers Market at Boordy Vineyards- 7/13

Neil Simon's "The Dinner Party" at CCBC Essex- 7/30

Jerusalem Mill Concert- Great Train Robbery- 8/6

Baltimore Museum of Industry/Farmer's Market-8/19

Honor Flight-9/2- 11:30 am- 23 veterans are coming home at the Martin's Airport and people are invited to come and cheer them up and say thank you for their service.

Make sure to look for the trips list at the front desk, in the binder, and in the newsletter.

- **Volunteer Picnic- May 18**

BCDA volunteer appreciation Event- Eastern Regional Park.

Great showing from Seven Oaks invited volunteers.

Thank you to all the volunteers who put in 100 hours and more of volunteer work.

- **Butterfly Release Memorial- May 26**

This was a touching and emotional event.

Planning to make this an annual celebration in the memory of those we have lost.

- **Flag Day/Army Birthday- June 14- Ed**
Chipped Beef Breakfast and Fruit Bowl- 46-48 people attended.
Acknowledged soldiers present and had a presentation about the flag.
- **Father's Day- June 20- Brunch**
Sausage gravy biscuit, egg casserole and watermelon. Everyone had a good day playing outside games.
- **Perry Hall Town Fair- June 24**
Karen headed the project.
Thank you to all the volunteers who helped that day. Ed, and Rob helped set up in the morning.
The weather became an issue toward the end of the afternoon.
Thank you to Jane, Dave, Gina, Carol, and Jim who volunteered during the day and especially Carol and Gina who took the booth down in the pouring rain.
- **Upcoming Events:**
- **Parking Lot Celebration- June 30- 12:00-2:00 pm**
Thank you for all those who were instrumental to make the Parking Lot Project a reality.

Special Guests & Recognition

- < The Honorable John A. Olszewski, Jr. Baltimore Co Executive (will not be present but Jim will recognize
- < The Honorable David Marks- Councilman, Fifth District, Baltimore Co Council
- < Renee Smith, Representative Maryland State Senator Kathy Klausmeier
- < Laura Riley, Director, Baltimore Co Dept of Aging (will not be here)
- < Michelle Mills, Assistant Director, Baltimore Co, Dept of Aging
- < Lisa Kennedy, Facilities and Capital Projects Manager, Baltimore Co Dept of Aging
- < Kathleen Young, Regional Manager- Senior Centers, Baltimore Co Dept of Aging
- < James Slone, Regional Manager- Senior Centers, Baltimore Co Dept of Aging (will not be here. Jim will recognize him.
- < Rebecca Ebert, Director, Seven Oaks Senior Center- BCDA
- < Karen McDonough, Assistant Director, Seven Oaks Senior Center, BCDA

Thank you to Wayne and his committee who are taking care of the food for this event.
172 free tickets were given so far.
People will be able to park on the Senior Center parking lot or at the school.
No Friday Café on that day.

- **Christmas Party 12/21 @ Rosedale Gardens**
Gina plans to keep everything simple for the planning of the party as everyone is busy during the Holiday season.
Will be looking for sponsors for the centerpieces.
The menu will be selected in the coming months.

Thank You 2022-2023 Executive Board

Beckie thanked the Executive Board Members of 2022-2023 who worked very hard in making decisions and solving issues during their term on the Seven Oaks Executive Board and congratulated the returning and new members of the Board.

David Marks gave remarks to the members about the Parking Lot Project started in 2014 and thanked all the volunteers who contributed for it to happen.

Renee Smith presented citations to Jim, Edie, Bob, and Wayne.

Election Results & Installation of 2023-2024 Executive Board

President- Penny Brown

Vice President- Gina Wheeler

Treasurer: Rob Ermer

1st Assistant Treasurer: Gail Smith

2nd Assistant Treasurer: Pat Gallon

Recording Secretary- Bernadette Huber

Corresponding Secretary: Peg Meyers

Sgt At Arms- Betty O'Carroll

Members At Large: Ed Konig-Liz Albertini

The new Executive Board (2023-2024) members were officially installed by David Marks, Baltimore County Councilman, Fifth District.

New Business

- **Al Muehlberger- Commission on Aging; Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame**
Al spoke briefly about the Commission on Aging and the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame.
Please see Jim & Al for more information on the subjects.

Upcoming

- **Men's Focus Group- June 27- 1 pm: Wayne**
Meeting to try to get some information on what men want for programs at Seven Oaks and give them an opportunity to voice their opinions and find out what is on their mind. Step up and speak out to move forward with the Focus Group.
- **Leadership Conference for Executive Board at Oak Crest- July 12**
Each Executive Board member should be getting a letter.
- **Shrimp Feast- August 10- tickets on sale 7/19 at 12 Noon- \$25.00/ticket (2 tickets per person)**
Thank you, Wayne, and his committee, for planning the event.

- **Crab feast- October 5**
Rob Ermer stepped up to be the chairperson for this event.
More information to come

BCDA & Staff Report:

Karen Events

Upcoming Classes

- Discover Acrylic Painting- Mondays 1:30 pm-3 pm 7/10-9/18 (10 weeks) \$60
- Sign Language Class- Fridays 1:30pm-3 pm 7/14-9/15 (10 weeks) \$60
- Computer Basics for Older adults Senior Planet Mobil Unit- Tuesdays 10 am 7/11-9/12 No Charge
- Mind Over Matter Cancelled 8/2, 8/16, 8/30 due to resignation of instructor
Trying to reschedule
- Acoustic Guitar Lessons Thursdays 10-11 am Beginning August 3
(1 Thursday/month will be skipped due to another program in Game room)

June 2023

- Meditation with Dr. Mickey Fenzel on Hiatus Until August 22
- Wed 6/28- Current Events
- Thu 6/29- Karaoke Party with Gary and Mike from the Reputations

July 2023

- Wed 7/5 – Physioballs
- Thu 7/6- TED Talk: Why Great Leaders Take Humor Seriously
- Mon 7/10- Medicare Basics
- Thu 7/13- OMG-GMOs! Shauna Henley U of MD Extension
New Member Orientation
- Mon 7/17- Laminating (moved from 7/10 due to early closing)
- Tue 7/18- Movie: A Man Called Otto
- Wed 7/19- From Hive to Honey: A Beekeeper's Journey
- Thu 7/20-Active Shooter Training
Happy Hour at Bar Louie at the Avenue Limited to 45
- Fri 7/21- Gmail Tips & Tricks (rescheduled from 5/22)
- Mon 7/24- Health Care Fraud & Abuse
- Thu 7/27- Colette Pre-Trip Presentation on the Southern Charm Trip

August 2023

- Wed 8/2 – Physioballs
- Thu 8/3- TED Talk (Topic?) - Food Recalls by Shauna Henly
- Tue- 8/8- Movie: Glass Castles
- Mon 8/14- Changes in Medicare

- Thu 8/17- Healthy Minds for Life following an Eating Together Lunch
- Fri 8/18- Google Maps
- Fri 8/22 – Living to 100 A New Paradigm
- Thu 8/24- Intergenerational Soap Carving- Dog and Picnic Pizza & Ice Cream
11-12:30 Session 1; 12:30-1 Pizza & Ice Cream: 1-2:30 pm Session 2
- Thu 8/31- Core Canning Shauna Henley

September 2023

- Wed 9/6 – Concert in Park at Oregon Ridge
- Thu 9/14- No Senior Eats Alone Day- bring a non-member
- Sun 9/17- 5K Run/Walk

Beckie Updates

- **Signing into Programs at BC-PASS Kiosk**
Make sure to sign up for the programs on the kiosk in order to eliminate the sign-up sheets in the future.
- Senior Centers closed on 7/10 at 1:30 pm for staff training.
- **College Scholarship**
2 applications so far for the \$1,000.00 Scholarship donated by Seven Oaks Senior Center. Application due July 1.
- **Suggestions Box**
- Phyllis- have a doorbell at the front desk for security reason
- Why not have three Members at Large instead of two- The Bylaws says two.
- Have a Book Club come back- To add in the” Who Is Interested” in the Free Binder
- Get rid of plastic bottles- not good for the environment- You are welcomed to bring your own cup but will still sell bottle water for .50
- Have an automatic towel dispenser for the bathrooms- Can buy with the Enhancement fund money
- Friday Breakfast (Café) too much food- too much work for the volunteers- should charge a fee – too much expense for the Center-
The Breakfast will stay free as it is part of the Hospitality funds.

- **Ideas for Enhancement Fund before July 17**
\$4,795.00 to spend. The percentage of money that is returned to the centers is used to pay for entertainment and goes to senior centers budget.
If you have any ideas how to spend the money, please write them down and put them in the suggestion box.
- **Fitness Center Update**
Three new step machines to be installed on Wednesday.
- **5KRun/Walk- September 17 @ CCBC Essex**
Please sign up for the event. You can sponsor someone if you cannot participate yourself. Last year numbers were of 35-37. Let us increase the numbers of participants this year!

- **Adjournment;** 1:53PM
- **Attendance:** 45

Reminders:

Next Board Meeting- July 17 at 1:00 pm

Next Council Meeting – August 28 at 12:30 pm; Lunch at 12 noon.

Center Closed – July 4th Holiday: July 10 closing at 1:30pm for Staff Training

2022-23 SEVEN OAKS Accomplishments/ GOALS

- 1. Increase Inter-Generational Activities**
 - a. Trunk or Treat- Seven Oaks Elementary**
 - b. Soap Carving- Ed Konig Chairing**
 - c. Red, White and Blue Picnic**
 - d. Reading Buddies**

- 2. Increase Outreach Efforts to Homebound Members**
 - a. Start calling each other**
 - b. Newsletter**
 - c. Caring Across our Community Committee (new)**

- 3. Upgrade the Center owned Equipment**
 - a. PA System (done)**
 - b. Bingo Machine (done)**
 - c. Clock in the MPR (done)**
 - d. New Patio (cement done)**
 - e. New Patio Furniture**
 - f. New Boom Box (done)**
 - g. New Cart on wheels for Music equipment (done)**
 - h. New 16 Tablecloths (purchased)**

- 4. Increase community knowledge and Involvement of Center Activities and Seniors Issues**
 - a. Connect people to resources**
 - b. Post Community Events**
 - c. Purchase Banner (done)**
 - d. Booth at Chapel Hill Festival**
 - e. Booth at Peach Festival**
 - f. Booth at Perry Hall High School Festival (done)**
 - g. Jingle Bells (done)**

