

January 16, 2023

Golden Gulls Meeting Minutes January 16,2023

Meeting Called to order at 7:00PM

Maryjane Reilly reminded all attendees to sign in.

Attendees:

Joan Clune

Mary Ann Dlugosz

Cornelia Calderone

Peter Calderone

John Palang

Ellen English

Tom English

Larry Schwartz

Vivian Drozd

Michele Testa

Maryjane Reilly

Councilwoman Caryn Byrnes

Councilman Doug Vitale

November 21,2022 meeting minutes were distributed.

Cornelia made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes.

Second by Joan.

All in favor. Minutes approved.

COUNCIL LIASON REPORTS:

Doug Vitale- First and foremost we need committee members to take on Executive Positions. We need a Chairperson since Doug and Caryn cannot chair the meetings. If anyone is interested in serving in this role please let Doug or Caryn know.

Maryjane Reilly volunteered to serve as Secretary and Joan Clune offered to serve as Treasurer.

Joan moved to accept these nominations.

John P. Seconded.

All in favor.

Nominations approved.

Doug received our account balance from Karen Mills. We currently have a balance go \$7940.90.

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RECAP OF MINGLE AND JINGLE

We had 67 attendees not including volunteers. There were quite a few no shows. Maryjane has prepared a report on the event including cost, supplies needed, and some suggestions for next December. Everyone agreed that the event went well and the Seniors in attendance enjoyed the afternoon. Hopefully John will be available to play Santa in December 2023, he was missed.

Caryn will ask Tracy to send Beth at Creste Point a thank you note for the generous donation of cookie trays for our party dessert.

SENIOR SERVICE DAY:

Doug reported that the Mayor wants the town to have a Senior Service Day. Doug and Caryn will work with Kristin O'Rourke, PPB Quality Of Life Director, to help put this together. Doug's wife, Erin is a RN with Hackensack Meridian Health System and will help us with resources. Also, Beverly, committee member, offered to help with the preparations and work the day of the event. Hopefully this will be our April event.

Joan suggested that we have members of the First Aid Squad there.

Cornelia suggested that we could also have ICE Emergency packets there for those seniors who may not have received one.

DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE EVENTS FOR 2023:

Doug reported that Tracy will lead a Mozzarella Making event on Tuesday, February 7th.

The flyer was approved by Chris Riehl and was posted on social media today. Attendance will be limited to 40 people, then a wait list.

Doug will look into attendees paying online with the town. It would be preferable to have attendees register and prepay. Perhaps payments for events should go directly to Karen Mills. Caryn asked that we look into scheduling events on days other than Tuesdays so we don't have to cancel Zumba and chair yoga.

For our March event Caryn will check with the Firehouse for availability on March 16th. Last year's St. Patrick's Day event was a big success. We'll ask Tracy if she will do the food again, Corned Beef Cabbage rollups. Dino will provide entertainment and Maryjane and Caryn will work on decorations. We need a Chair for the event.

The committee unanimously agreed that our April event will be the Senior Service Day.

Other possible events for 2023 include a small book discussion group, Doug offered to do another Scam Info Presentation, Cornelia suggested computer literacy classes. Doug will check with the Antrim and High School computer teachers and Cornelia will check with the library.

John suggested that we have a fire safety presentation and perhaps enlist volunteers to help seniors change the batteries in their smoke detectors. Caryn will speak with Ira at the fire department to see if they will help and attend our senior service day. John also suggested that we let the seniors know about the knitting program run by Mary Steiner at the library twice a month.

Cornelia asked if we have an accurate list of our members. Doug has the excel spreadsheet with that information.

Yoga and Zumba Classes– Caryn reported that she is still trying to grow the attendance at these classes and again asked that we avoid scheduling other Golden Gull events on Tuesdays.

FUNDRAISER FOR 2023:

Caryn suggested and will explore the idea of having a Paint and Sip Program as our fundraiser.

NEW MEMBER OUTREACH:

Doug spoke on the need to build up our committee membership. If every current member tries to bring in a new member this would help. Doug will put out a flyer, similar to the one he did for the Recreation Committee, and will publish it in the Ocean Star.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Peter suggested that we have 50/50s at our big events. Everyone agreed. Joan will speak with Karen Mills about the paperwork process to get a license for these.

Dino asked Councilman Vitale if the funds for the boat trip have been reconciled as was stated by him would be done at the November meeting. Doug stated that the town and police did a thorough forensic investigation and found there was no inappropriate use of funds. Dino stated that we are talking about a not insignificant amount of money, \$500. Discussion ensued as to whether there was an accurate list of attendees and who paid for the evening. Cornelia said that

we have to be more specific as to who has to pay when attending our events. Even volunteers should pay their way.

Trolley Ride for Christmas Caroling. About 20 people signed up to attend but only 10 showed up. Caryn will find out the cost of the trolley. Last year we had a grant from the Fischer Fund to pay for it.

Joan asked Caryn about the cost of the Zumba and Yoga classes. Does Karen Mills have a list of attendees payments and invoices for the instructors?

Caryn stated that we pay \$150 for a month of Tuesday afternoons at the firehouse and \$400 for the instructors. The firehouse does not charge us when we have a special event on a Tuesday, like Mingle and Jingle. Caryn will try and get the rental cost lowered and Doug suggested that we try and find other venues to use in town at no or lower cost. Caryn will also look into changing the time of the class to the morning. She will check with the instructors and the firehouse.

Motion to adjourn by Cornelia.

Seconded by John.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM

Next Meeting February 20th.

Maryjane Reilly

Secretary