

# April 17, 2023

## GOLDEN GULLS COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM

### Attendees:

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John Palang

Richard Norris

Peter Calderone

Cornelia Calderone

Marion Dillane

Mary Ann Dlogosz

Joan Clune

Maryjane Reilly

Joanna Frank Ryan

Tracey Lipari

Michele Testa

Theresa Dosch

John Dosch

Luann Briese

Kathleen Galante

Councilwoman Caryn Byrnes

Councilman Doug Vitale

Peter Calderone asked for a correction to the March 20, 2023 minutes showing that, He hadn't stated that the fee for our events should be \$5 for town residents and \$10 for out of town attendees.

Joan Clune corrected the amount instructors are paid for the Zumba and Yoga classes monthly should read \$400, not \$250.

Motion to accept the corrected minutes made by Mary Ann. Second by Joan Clune.

All were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joan Clune

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Zumba collected \$370 for the month of March.

Instructors cost was \$400.

Rental of Firehouse \$120.

Caryn stated that the Fire department will not bill us for October, November, and December of 2022. We will be billed for January, February, and March of this year. Chris Riehl wants us to only pay \$100 per month, not \$120. Negotiations between Caryn and the Fire Department regarding this issue are ongoing.

John Palang expressed concern that if we are not breaking even on Zumba and we continue to lose money at this rate it could amount to \$2000 per year and asked how many participants are non Beach residents,

Tracey is not in favor of limiting or charging more of a fee to out of town residents at our events. We are still trying to grow attendance at activities.

Doug stated that the recreation Committee charges double for out of towners.

Cornelia feels that the mission of the Golden Gulls is to have activities for all seniors. Every week Zumba attendance grows. We are not supposed to be a money making operation.

Theresa asked how many of the Zumba participants are actually seniors. Mary Ann said all are over the age of 65.

Theresa has been checking out other Zumba classes in the area. Most charge at least \$15.

Mary Ann said that Zumba is the only exercise we have for the seniors and that no one questions when we lose money on our social events.

Maryjane asked when the flyer, that we have been talking about for months, for Zumba will be ready. We have to do a better job of advertising Zumba and our other events.

Caryn announced that she has arranged with the Fire department and instructors to move the Zumba and Chair Yoga classes to Tuesday mornings at 9 and 10AM. This will start the second week of June. Caryn will get approval for a flyer reflecting this change from Chris Riehl.

Joan made a motion for town residents to pay \$5 for classes and non residents to pay \$10.

Second by Theresa.

In Favor 3

Not in Favor 4. Motion denied. Treasury Balance \$13,088.03

#### COUNCIL LIASON REPORTS:

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#### Councilwoman Caryn Byrnes:

Caryn reported that she is looking into applying to the county to obtain grants for our committee.

She also brought a schedule of shows to be presented at the Algonquin Theater in Manasquan and would like us to offer this as an activity for our seniors. Group rates are available.

Tracey asked if the Fisher Foundation might provide us with funds to pay for a bus.

Caryn has no update from the First Aid Squad as to how many Project Ice packages they are seeing in seniors homes when they go out on calls.

Lastly, Caryn would like our committee to recognize a volunteer of the month similar to what the recreation Committee does.

#### Councilman Doug Vitale:

Doug reported that Kristen O'Rourke is organizing a Health Fair with the high school and asked if our committee wanted to be involved. Doug told her that the Golden Gulls would like to have their own and asked that she help us with that in the near future.

The Recreation Committee is started a Running/Walking club to be held mornings at 8:00am on the Boardwalk beginning in June. They would like the seniors to be involved. Everyone agreed it is a great idea.

#### ASK THE EXPERTS

Loretta and Jessica are organizing the event scheduled for May 4th at the Firehouse. They will send us a list of the speakers and will provide the Pasta dinner and refreshments. Questions to the experts will be submitted during dessert. Doug stated that we will need a bit of help with setup. We also need a flyer and pre-registration. Theresa will ask Adrienne to help with the flyer, if not Doug will do it. Caryn would like us to have someone from Ocean County Senior Services there also.

## MOTHERS DAY TEA

The tea and guided paint session is scheduled for Thursday, May 11th at the Firehouse. Mary Ellen Savage is the artist who will lead the painting instruction. We will provide tea, desserts, and Joanna suggested slider sandwiches. Tracey, Maryjane, Caryn, and Joanna volunteered to bake.

Caryn reported that we have some canvases, palettes, and tubes of paint but will have to purchase more. Caryn offered to take reservations.

Theresa made a motion to charge \$10 for the event. Seconded by Tracey. All were in favor. Luann offered to donate a gift certificate as a thank you gift to the artist.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE YEAR

Maryjane would like the committee to have our events for the year planned out and posted, similar to what the Recreation Committee does.

Discussion ensued as to what type of events we would like to offer to the Seniors. The following is a list of proposed events for the remainder of 2023. Of course, approval will need to be granted by the town.

Maryjane also stated that we need committee members to take the lead on these events.

May 11	Spring Tea and Guided Paint Session
June	Downtown Shopping Day For seniors
July.	Ice Cream Social. Joan Clune will lead this event
August.	Bingo at the Elks We will ask Loretta to help with this
September	Matinee Movie Day

October        Spaghetti Luncheon

November     Theater Trip to the Algonquin. (TBA)

Fall Flower Event

December     Mingle and Jingle.    Maryjane will lead this event

Theresa, Tracey, and Maryjane will help Joan with the Ice Cream Social.

Luann offered to help with the Senior Downtown Shopping Event. Perhaps we could ask Spa Bella to be involved. The seniors really enjoyed the spa day there a few years ago. Doug said that Recreation Committee has a portable movie screen we may be able to use.

When finalized we will have a postcard or flyer with all of our events to post on the town website and give out at our events.

Doug suggested that we prepare a proposal for the Fisher Foundation Fund. He will write it up, put in for the maximum amount \$10,000, and send it to Chris Riehl.

Motion made by Tracey to pursue a grant from the Fisher Foundation.

Second by Theresa.

All were in favor.

Tracey is working on getting pricing for canvas bags with the town logo to sell at the Seafood Fest.

John Palang said that Robyn is looking into Christmas ornaments.

### NEW BUSINESS

Tracey asked if reimbursements checks can be mailed instead of waiting to be received at a meeting or going to pick them up. She offered to buy a book of stamps. Receiving checks should be worked out with Joan.

Cornelia announced that the library will be holding a program on May 17th, The Day The Music Died.

Several seniors in the community have complained about receiving the weekly calls about Zumba and Chair yoga. Caryn will let Chris Riehl know that the calls should stop and only be used for class cancellations.

Motion to adjourn by Tracey.

Second by Joan.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM

Maryjane Reilly

Secretary

In Maryjane's absence for the May meeting Cornelia will take the committee minutes.