

## **MINUTES OF THE WHEELING SENIOR COMMISSION**

**1-Call to Order.** The September 6, 2018, meeting of the Wheeling Senior Commission was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Vice Chairman Bruce Sembach.

**2- Roll Call.** Pat Miller took the roll call and Gerry Malin and Michael Kohen were absent; Shari Huizar and Bella Licciardello arrived late. Diana Murillo from Senior Services was in attendance in Shari Huizar's absence.

**3-Approval of Minutes.** Upon motion duly made by Jackie Portnoy and seconded by Pat Hawkins, the minutes of the August 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.

**4- Chairman's Report.** In Gerry Malin's absence, Bruce Sembach reported that Gerry Malin was in rehab at Sedgebrook; we hope he recovers soon. Bruce Sembach also reminded us that we are still interested in setting up tables in the CRC lobby to attract new members and also to update residents of current programs and on the new construction. Bella Licciardello said that was always possible.

**5-Senior Services Report.** Shari Huizar said that the lunch program attendance is a little down. There have also been some problems with the telephone system, and some voice mails are not returned. Please call Shari Huizar if you are unable to reach Diana Murillo. If someone is looking for info about programs, they should call Bella Licciardello at the CRC. Volunteers may be needed for the September 14, 2018, Extravaganza. There are 29 vendors registered, and 15 raffle prizes. There were 1500 postal cards sent out to village residents. Plans are all set for the Rotary lunch which has been moved from September 20, 2018, to September 26, 2018. If you need lunch arrangements, you should call Jesus Delgado for information. Shari Huizar has received some grant money to set up a Memory Café, which could meet once a month to discuss dementia, living accommodations, etc., similar to the original Focus Group. There is also some grant money for volunteers to speak about exercises and programs for seniors. Jesus Delgado has been hired as a full-time employee. The new contract with Hoffman House shows a slight increase in the cost of lunches of 2.6%. Age Options had successfully bid to add things like a condiment bar, which has proven successful in Arlington Heights, maybe even a box lunch.

**6-Recreational/Program Update.** Bella Licciardello is working on stand alone programs and trips, etc., and everyone is encouraged to call her with any suggestions. The exact format of the newsletters has yet to be determined. There is some concern as to the temperature in the rooms; difficult to set due to types of programs.

**7-Old Business.** As matter of information, it has been noted that nothing is being done at the old Pavilion building on First Street. Perhaps the Senior Center could have stayed a little longer.

**8-New Business.** Marshall Kaplan mentioned that the committee which is planning on organizing Wheeling's 125th anniversary has been meeting to discuss things like parades, fashion show, and other activities which will run from July through December of 2019. Pat Miller mentioned that the meeting calendar for 2019 shows we will run into the same problem with the July meeting. The Commission decided that we will move the July 2019 meeting to July 11.

**9-Citizens' Comments and Concerns.** Francine Duncan, a Wheeling resident, asked if information will be available at the registration desk at the CRC which it will be. She was also informed that there is adequate parking at the synagogue on September 14.

**10-Announcements.** Officer Laverd reminded everyone that scams in the village are still prevalent, especially aimed at seniors. The next meeting will be October 4, 2018.

**11-Adjournment.** Upon motion duly made by Marshall Kaplan and seconded by Jackie Portnoy, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Miller, Recording Secretary  
Wheeling Senior Commssion