

Leyden Council on Aging
Minutes of Meeting
October 4, 2022
Town Hall
4:30 p.m.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:35.

Present: Gilda Galvis, Linda Baker, Linda Allis, Robbie Milner, Andrea Zimmerman, Kathy Fritz, Michèle Higgins.

Absent: Mary Glabach.

Guests: Sue Howarth, Liz Kidder.

Minutes: Gilda noted that the minutes of the Sept. 13 meeting needed to be amended to reflect that our balance was actually higher than stated because our grant from the Fred W. Wells Trust Fund was higher this year. Because it was \$1,500 this year (and not \$1,000), our balance is actually \$6,698.53 and not \$6,198.53. Also Linda Baker noted that our September drive through was from the Bernardston Country Corner and not Pine Hill. Pine Hill is for our October 21st drive through. Gilda made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 13 meeting as amended. Kathy seconded. All approved. The minutes were accepted as amended.

The second set of notes came from our concurrent meeting with the Selectboard on September 26 in which Michèle read a letter to them informing them of how insulted we are at our interim status. Andrea recalled that Robbie also said, “and places a black cloud over us” at the end of the paragraph in which she said that the Selectboard’s treatment is an “affront to us.” That comment was added to the notes. Gilda made a motion to approve the notes from the 26th of September as amended. Kathy seconded. All approved. The minutes were accepted as amended.

Budget: Gilda reported that we have \$5,978.53 as of today. She has submitted payment for Linda Allis and for Country Corner for \$495.

We talked about the concurrent meeting with the Selectboard on September 26 and how to proceed. The Selectboard said that it is an open question as to when their next executive session will take place. “We won’t know until we know” is how they phrased it. They cannot provide details regarding this executive session, but they did assure us that we have been appointed for the year and that they would remove the word

“interim.” They did not, however, take a vote on this. We have decided to plan carefully this year unless or until the Selectboard does something. We won’t plan too many months in advance.

Meals/Activities:

Tomorrow is our October soup luncheon. Linda Baker is making squash apple soup. Our next coffee is the 12th; Gilda will bake. It will coincide with our foot clinic. Sixteen people have signed up. We noted that our first clinic with Piper had four sign-ups! Our next coffee after that will be on October 26. Nan Rolstad has volunteered to bake. We noted that we need to bring out some of our games.

Our October drive through is the 21st, and it will come from Pine Hill. Gilda will order ham & cheese and tuna sandwiches. Gilda will not be here for that one; she recalled that Mary will pick it up.

Our November luncheon will be on November 2. Michèle noted that Ruth Tuller had suggested having a pot luck. Linda Allis told us that the Montague Senior Center has a pot luck every week. It’s a new concept for us, and we discussed how we might work it out so that there isn’t too much of one thing and not enough of another, but we decided to accept that it’s pot luck! We’ll provide coffee/tea/water and take-out trays if needed. We will have just the one coffee on the 9th because the fourth Wednesday falls on the day before Thanksgiving, and we do not have activities during a 5th week. Michèle and Robbie will bake.

We decided to use Hager’s for our November drive through on the 18th: chicken salad and BLT wraps.

Also in November, we decided to bring back the Veterans’ Day Breakfast for Saturday the 12th from 8:30 - 10:00. Michèle will ask Lew Becker if he will make his blueberry pancakes. John Higgins will make scrambled eggs. There was discussion about whether we should have sausage or bacon. We decided to go with sausage if price is a consideration.

Bob Hardesty had put in a request to ask Karen Loomis to do her paint pouring for us as a workshop. Linda A. will call her to see if she is available. If Karen is unavailable, Linda will call Ginny Rockwood who had given us several workshop options last year.

Linda A.’s exercise class will begin on Tuesday the 11th of October at 10:30 at Town Hall and will run for six weeks with the option to extend.

Sue mentioned that, pre-Covid, someone told her that his father had been turned away from one of our luncheons for being too young. Nobody could remember having said that, but we will make sure that it doesn’t happen again. She also asked if we could have a few to-go containers ready tomorrow for anyone who is concerned about sitting

down inside. Sue also volunteered to make the center pieces for tables for our luncheons beginning with the November lunch.

Linda A. gave Michèle contact information for a representative of Greenfield Savings Bank with the hopes that we could do a presentation on scams beginning in November. Michèle will contact this person. The goal would be to have this presentation after the November lunch.

Kathy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:40. Gilda seconded. All approved.

Our next meeting is scheduled for **November 1, 2022, at 4:30 at Town Hall.**

Respectfully submitted,
Michèle Higgins, Secretary/Chair