Seven Oaks Senior Center Council Membership Meeting
Monday April 27, 2026
"Don't count the days, make every day count."

Attendance: Penny Brown, President; Gina Wheeler, Vice President; Rob Ermer, Treasurer; Gail Smith, 1st Treasurer; Dale Mullineaux, 2nd Treasurer; Betty O'Carroll, Recording Sect.; Peg Myers, Corresponding Sect.; Karen Lindemann, Member at Large; Karen McDonough, Director; Tracy Drummond, Asst. Director; James Slone, District Mgr.; Jim Lightner, Past President; Nancy Bach, Past President

Absent: Ken Dornbush, Member at Large; Lou Eckerl, Sergeant at Arms

Call to Order: The meeting of Seven Oaks Senior Center Council was called to order by Penny Brown at 12:35 p.m.

Approval of February 23, 2026 Council Membership Meeting Minutes: The corrections were made and will be filed.

Financial Report: December 2025-January 2026: Rob Ermer

Income + Interest Income	$ 35,530.72
Expenses	$ 24,044.26
Net Income	$ 11,486.46
Total Liabilities & Equity	$151,003.13

Committee Reports

- **Travel Reports**: Gina Wheeler
  Gina informed us the following trips are filled.
  Atlantic City, Mackinac Island, St. Michael's, Cape Cod and Holly Jolly
  These trips still have space available.
  Delta Bingo, DE Park Casino, 9/11 Memorial, SunFest, Wind Creek Casino and PA Christmas Show

- **Center Sponsored Children**: Penny Brown
  The children at Rossville Elementary, housed at the Homeless Shelter near Franklin Square Hospital, will be able to purchase books at the school book fair with the monies we donated.

- **Caring Across Our Community**: Penny Brown
  Our committee met on April 21 to start preparations for the May 28 delivery of gift bags. Please remember to share names of members who are ill or have had surgery who cannot attend the center. Let the staff or front desk volunteer know.

Old Business: Penny Brown

- **Snacks/Drinks for Sale:** Penny Brown
  Coffee, tea, sodas, and water will continue to be sold at $.50 each. Please be sure to put payment in plastic container on the shelf by the coffee pot. Crackers and snacks will continue to be sold for $.50 or $.75. M and Ms will be sold for $1.25.
- **Nominating Committee for 2026-2027 Executive Board Members:** June Green
  Thanks to June Green, Janet Chance and Carol Suit for their work in securing candidates for the center's 2026-2027 Executive Board. After June presented the slate of officer candidates, Penny asked if there were any other nominations-reminding members that anyone nominated needs to agree and meet the job qualifications. A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate. A vote was taken and the slate of candidates was accepted.

Past Events: Penny Brown

- Karaoke Party – Tuesday, February 24
  Continues to be a popular event.
- New Year New Friends Celebration – Monday, March 2
  Fun time to get to know other center members.
- Lib's Grill Restaurant Fundraiser – Tuesday, March 16
  Thanks to all who attended. The center raised $601.00.
- St. Patrick's Day Party – Friday, March 13
  Nice social event. About $1,000.00 was made.
- Happy Hour at Remo's NY – Thursday, March 19
  It was our first time at this location. Everyone enjoyed it.
- Intergenerational Cupcake and Decorating – Thursday, April 2
  Grandparents and grandchildren enjoyed this event led by Jean Faith.
- Happy Hour at Red Brick Station – Thursday, April 16
  Cathy Milando returned as hostess and everyone who signed up-attended.
- Craft/Vendor Fair/Flea Market/Shred-A-Thon – Saturday, April 18
  Fun event - great weather - wonderful community event. Thanks to all the volunteers that made this event successful. The center made about $1,000.00 profit.
- Volunteer Appreciation Week – Monday, April 20-Friday, April 24
  Staff created, planned, and facilitated a week of events to celebrate our most frequent volunteers, including drink and snack giveaways, breakfast, lunch and show and social hour. These all had a western theme to emphasize the center volunteers are partners with the staff. Many thanks to Karen, Tracy, and Liz. Our center is a wonderful place because of their leadership.

New Business

- Officer Voting Procedures: Karen McDonough
  SEE ATTACHED
- Ed Konig Memorial College Scholarship: Nancy Bach
  Nelda Murphy, Patty Smith, and Nancy Bach make up the committee to select the winner.
- Senior Center Membership Manual: Penny Brown
  Karen McDonough has updated the manual. It will be given to new members at New Member Orientations.
- Friday Café: Penny Brown
  It was brought to the attention of the executive board, members, and staff that there have been some issues concerning the behavior of our members at Friday Café. It was decided that a small committee of members will meet with Karen to establish some procedures and rules of etiquette. Let Karen know if you want to help with this committee.
- Sunshine Cards and Milestone Birthdays: Peg Myers
  Peg wanted to thank everyone for all their help and input during her term in office.
- Notary: Penny Brown
  One of our members, who is a notary, will establish a schedule to be available to notarize documents for our members. Watch for the schedule in the Acorn and/or in the Weekly Update.
- Teacher Appreciation for Gunpowder Elementary Staff: Penny Brown
  Our May Month of Kindness Project will be to collect food items to make snack bags for members of the Gunpowder Elementary School staff. The bags will be delivered on May 26 in celebration of Teacher Appreciation Week. A list of items to be collected is on the collection box, in the weekly update and at the front desk. Thanks in advance for participating. Collection will take place May 1-22. If you are interested in helping with this project, please see Penny.

Member Suggestions: Penny Brown

- Recommended more mirrors in Fitness Center
  Executive Board did not believe these were necessary and would be too costly.
- Recommended Oakettes perform patriotic music, if the center conducts a 250th Birthday Celebration.
  This will be considered if the center conducts a 250th celebration.
- Recommended a talent show at the center to include Tap Group, Oakettes, Ballroom Dancers, Line Dancers and Guitar Group.
  This will be discussed at the next Event Planning Committee

- Requested additional Rummikub games.
  Karen will discuss need with group leader and purchase more games, if necessary.
- Suggestion that Strength to the Core Recorded Class that meets on Friday change time to 9:00-9:45 a.m.
  The class will now be on Friday from 8:45-9:30 a.m.
- Suggested getting a new digital clock and putting it up near the TV in Fitness Center.
  A new easy to read clock has been installed on the wall near the TV.
- Suggested moving Seated Massage out of Fitness Center.
  Seated Massage will be in the Craft Room on Thursdays. Friday Seated Massage may still have to be in the fitness center, if another room is unavailable.
- Suggested the center have a 2-hour comedy event.
  This idea will be shared at the next event planning meeting.
- Requested that refrigerators with drinks for sale be stocked more frequently
  This is being done.
- Suggested putting long pulls on fans in fitness center
  Karen will have this done.
- Suggested that members purchasing event tickets for other members not be denied if they do not have the members' BC-Pass numbers.
  Staff can supply BC-Pass numbers, so tickets can be purchased.
- Suggested Trips to Havre de Grace and Food Tour and Greenbriar, WV.
  Havre de Grace and Food Tours suggestions were given to the Adventure Club for consideration. Greenbriar trip was given to the Travel Committee for consideration.
- Suggested that feedback sheets be given to attendees after lectures and presentations.
  Members are encouraged to share their verbal feedback with staff members or executive board members and/or share written feedback on the compliments/suggestion forms located by the lobby suggestion box.
- Suggested putting lunch menu in Acorn.
  There is no room for this in the Acorn, but the menu flyers are at the front desk, and Karen will include the menu in her Weekly Update.
- Suggested moving one air purifier into MPR 2
  This has been done.
- Received a compliment on Art Display in MPR 2
  We appreciate getting compliments, as well as suggestions.

- Suggested including original paintings and drawings on MPR 2 bulletin board.
  Members are welcome to display their work. They can see a staff member to have it hung up.
- Received compliments about the safer arrangement of tables stored in MPR 2.
- Suggested that speakers at Council Meetings not use "umm."
  Speakers will try not to do this.

Upcoming Events: Penny Brown

- Restaurant Fundraiser at Riverstone Grill – Tuesday, May 12
  11:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
  Consider coming out for some tasty food and support our center.
- BCDA Volunteer Appreciation Concert – Wednesday, May 13,
  11 a.m.-2 p.m.
  Volunteers should have received an invitation online.
- Shrimp Feast – Thursday, May 14, 12 Noon-3 p.m.
  Some tickets are still available. Considering buying a ticket if you like shrimp.
- BCDA Annual Concert in the Park – Wednesday, May 20 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
  Tickets are on sale at the front desk for $5.00.
- Happy Hour at Buon Appetito – Thursday, May 21 4 p.m.-6 p.m.
  Many enjoyed the food when we went there last time. Cathy has arranged for us to return.
- Celebration of Life/Butterfly Release/Brunch – Friday, May 29,
  10:30 a.m.-12 Noon
  Starting on May 1, you may register to attend the ceremony at the front desk. If you plan to attend the brunch that will follow the ceremony, get your ticket at the front desk . A voluntary $6.00 donation is suggested and will be donated to the center in honor of the celebrated individuals.

Baltimore Commission on Aging: Jim Lightner

- A copy of the BCDA comprehensive Area Plan for 2026-2030 will be posted on the Council Bulletin Board. The commission reviewed the role of the Ombudsman.

Staff and BCDA Reports

- Staff Report/Center Updates: Karen McDonough/Tracy Drummond
  See Attached

- BCDA: James Slone
  Area plan for 5 years is still being reviewed. The discussion on the Survey of the Old and New Testament group is still being reviewed by the County. James said he would come and speak to the group after a decision has been made. Davida spoke on behalf of the class and Nelda as their leader. She expressed they were studying the bible as history not religion.

Adjournment: Penny Brown
A motion was made to adjourn, it was second and all agreed, so we adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Please raise your hand or stand if you have a birthday in March or April.
Let us sing to our members. Please come up for a birthday mint. Now for the winner of our raffle. This month it is a gift card to Chick-fil-A.
Be sure to vote in June and attend the June 22 Installation of the Executive Board.

Reminders:
- Next Executive Board Meeting Monday, May 18
  12:30 p.m. Lunch/1:00 pm Meeting
- 2026-2027 Executive Board Elections
  Monday, June 1-through Friday, June 5 – 9 a.m.-3 p.m. each day
- Next Council Membership Meeting and Installation of 2026-2027 Executive Board Members Monday, June 22
  12 Noon Lunch/12:30 pm Meeting/Installation of Executive Board Members
- Center Closings: Monday, May 25 Memorial Day Holiday
  Friday, June 19 Juneteenth Holiday.