

**CLARENCE SENIOR CITIZENS, Inc.
4600 THOMPSON ROAD
CLARENCE, NY 14031**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Date: January 9, 2025

Meeting called to order in Room 7 at 9 am by Chair Lori Adams.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Lori Adams, Jim Blum, Kathleen Bryant, Brendan Cullinan, Carol Gettings,
Bob Hoag, Michael Ramaccia, Jay Steinbrenner, Thomas Ternquist.

EXCUSED: Paul Schulz, Wayne West.

Executive Director: Heather Kraemer

Town Board Liaison: Daniel Michnik (not attending)

INSTALLATION OF 2025 BOARD OFFICERS - Officers were installed by Clarence Town
Supervisor, Patrick Casilio.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MISSION STATEMENT - Lori Adams

SECRETARY'S REPORT- Jim Blum

Minutes - December 12, 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes distributed. No corrections
known.

Motion to accept draft minutes of December 12, 2024 made by Jim Blum. Second by Thomas
Ternquist. Voting to approve draft December 12 minutes aye (6) Blum, Bryant. Cullinan, Hoag,
Ramaccia, Ternquist.

Voting nay (0). Voting abstain (2) Gettings, Steinbrenner.

Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Bob Hoag

Financials - November financials presented. Reviewed detailed highlights. Our operations are
marginal and very close to break even. Payroll is where most of the budgeted income goes. The
main positive in our statements is from the significant increase in investments. Our activities are
on the positive side of break even. .

BOARD CHAIR REPORT - Lori Adams

Annual Meeting - Scheduled for April 10. Board will meet at 11 am, eat lunch together at the Center, and begin the Annual Meeting at 1 pm. The chair of every committee to provide a 2024 annual report to the staff for the Annual Meeting.

Deceased Employee - Moment of silence for Joyce DiPronio.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Heather Kraemer

COF December 2024

As of 12/31/2024 - Paid members 1064; Total bus mileage

Month of December - New Members 6; Total Attendance 993; Activities 1,098; Special Events 316; Off-Site Events 144; Meals Served 1,220; Meals (frozen) 454; Shuttle Riders 93; Shuttle Miles .

Comments - Highlights of December were covered. We collected a lot of donations in November and December for the Small Blessings Purse Project that provides items for needy women. There were several holiday events.

The former New Year's Eve event was changed to a Holiday Party at Ripas on December 11 and was attended by 90 people.

Early January meetings were adjusted due to painting and large room floor surfacing in the Center. New Gentle Yoga class is scheduled for Thursday evenings. .

Erie County meals suggested donation increases to \$3.50 in 2025.

People are lined up for the Emergency Center to serve as a warming center.

Considering presenters from Clarence High School programs for the Center.

Working on several grants including from former CSCI Board member Kirchner fund.

My Senior Center Software - We have tested the messaging system. We are preparing information and building training for members. Each member will get a card.

NOTE: RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program) - We agree to the Memorandum of Understanding after implementation of the MYSENIORCENTER software which would maintain some required records.

December Highlights - In addition to our regularly scheduled programs.

12/02 Christmas on Ice - Fallsview Casino

12/02, 12/16 Paula's Donuts

12/02 Book Club

12/03 University Express

12/03, 12/17 Bingo Bash

12/05 United Health - Medicare Advantage

12/05 Music and Pastries

12/05 Elder Law & Justice

12/06 Tree Decorating

12/10 Buffalo Queen City Chordsmen

12/11 Defensive Driving

12/11 Holiday Party (Ripa's) (90 attended)

12/16 Clarence Middle School Choir

CSCI Board January 9, 2025 - Board Approved 02132025

12/17 Movie - Scrooged
12/18 Cookies with Santa
12/18 Holiday Lunch and Jazz Duo
12/20 Welcome Winter Lunch with Ugly Sweater Contest and cookie exchange
12/23 Birthday Lunch and Cake (free lunch by our Town Council Liaison Dan Michnik)
12/31 New Years Eve Lunch

Future Events

01/13 Seneca Niagara Casino

05/6-8/2025 Pennsylvania Dutch Country Adventure including "Noah" at the Sights and Sound Theater, "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theater, Hershey Farm for authentic Dutch dinner, and a guided visit to an Amish Village in Lancaster, PA.

EXECUTIVE & PEC - Lori Adams

Executive Committee - Met at the Library to plan the agenda for this meeting.

Performance Evaluation Committee (PEC) - Met for review with the Executive Director.

FINANCE - Brendan Cullinan

Investments - Vanguard doing well.

Finances- Operating costs are running below break even. Newsletter savings by not mailing providing savings.

Budget Review - Preparing for the audit.

MEMBERSHIP & PROGRAMS - Thomas Ternquist

No January meeting due to building closure and shortage of members.
We need to add another Board member and possibly a Center member.

NOMINATING - Carol Gettings

No report. No Board applicants. Contacted Committee chairs to assure that they would serve.

PERSONNEL - Jay Steinbrenner

No report. Staff will be adjusting to death of Joyce DiPronio. A current employee will replace her.

LEGISLATION & BYLAWS - Jim Blum

No Report.

PLANNING - Jim Blum

No Report.

OLD (unfinished) BUSINESS -

None.

NEW BUSINESS -

None.

TOWN BOARD LIAISON - Daniel Michnik (not attending)

- 1) Stove - Cleaned pilots and lowered pilot flame, trying timer with exhaust fan, electronic ignition cannot be retrofitted.
- 2) Meals on Wheels Enclosure Canopy - Planned.
- 3) Parking Lot - Highway will work with Executive Director on drainage and possible entrance changes.
- 4) Front Sign - Town planning sign similar to Highway Department sign.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (received in writing)

Public Comments - There was one Public Comment to review from last month.
It was reviewed by the Executive Committee and no Board action is recommended.

Two Public Comments were submitted at this meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -

None.

ADJOURNMENT-There being no other business, Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:40 am.

TRAINING SESSION - Board Operation Review.

TOWN HAPPENINGS - Daniel Michnik (Covered earlier)

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - Thursday, February 13, 2025

Jim Blum, Secretary