

## **Annual meeting of Yellow Springs Senior Center, June 26, 2024**

**Present:** Jerry Sutton, Wayne Gulden, Berch Carpenter, Ven Adkins, Susan Alberter, and (via Zoom) Diane Chiddister. **Absent:** Anna Bellisari, Linda Scutt, Jim Johnson. Also present was Executive Director Caroline Mullin, Velda Martin, Sue Augustus, and several members.

**Call to order:** President Wayne Gulden called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

The minutes from the June 29, 2023 Annual Meeting were approved as presented.

**Fund Development Committee:** Berch Carpenter gave the 2023 report for the Fund Development Committee. In 2023, the Annual Appeal raised \$47,738, while fundraising events, including the Garden Party Dinner, raised \$13,419. In addition, \$45,222 in general donations were received including some for transportation, grocery shopping and other services.

**Treasurer report:** Treasurer Jerry Sutton reported that in 2023 the center received total revenues of \$403,698. Homemaker services brought in \$111,539; GCCOA grants were \$105,216; other grants were \$11,560; and membership dues accounted for \$9,817. Jerry then showed a pie chart that illustrated that approximately one third of revenues came from earned income, one third from external sources, and one third from community support.

Expenses were overall \$425,988 in 2023, with about 75 percent of expenses going to payroll and benefits. Other expenses were programs/services at \$21,453; utilities \$14,929; insurance, \$12,237 and building repairs, \$9,390. In response to questions, Jerry stated that the Center's reserves are adequate, and that endowments are earning income.

**Outgoing President's report:** Wayne described 2023 as an eventful year, with the highlight the purchase of land from Antioch College for the future construction of a new center. He credited ED Caroline Mullin and Treasurer Jerry Sutton with spearheading the successful effort to buy the land. Wayne also emphasized the need for volunteers, and encouraged members to continue their volunteer efforts.

**Changes in by-laws:** The membership approved several changes in the by-laws regarding membership. Those who make donations of an amount greater than dues automatically become members, and the tax exemption allowable amounts will be reduced by the amount applied to dues payments. Also, all memberships renew in January, and free or reduced cost memberships are available as deemed appropriate by the center director.

**ED report:** Executive Director Mullin presented a series of slides that featured rainbows, highlighting the hopefulness of 2023 events, especially regarding buying the land. Regarding the campaign to raise funds for a new building, she said the Center is looking at major donors, pledges made over time, grants, fundraising events, and the sale of the current building as funding sources.

ED Mullin emphasized the importance of the Senior Center to the health and well-being of the whole community, and thanked staff and members for their help.

**Board development:** Ven Adkins presented the 2023 Board Development committee report, and presided over the election of new members and new officers.

Up for election to their first three-year terms were Velda Martin, Shelly Blackman and Sue Augustus, taking the place of current members Linda Scutt, Wayne Gulden and Anna Bellisari. Also up for election was Berch Carpenter, who in December joined to fill out the term of Christopher Cox which expires in 2025. All four were elected unanimously.

Membership also approved the slate of 2024 officers: for President, Jerry Sutton; Vice-President, Velda Martin; Treasurer, Berch Carpenter; and Secretary, Diane Chiddister.

President Gulden ended the meeting at 5:48, after which refreshments were served.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Chiddister, Secretary