

**GREAT BARRINGTON COUNCIL ON AGING**  
**Claire Teague Senior Center**  
**917 Main Street**  
**Great Barrington, MA 01230**  
**Phone: (413) 528-1881**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 27, 2019**

**WELCOME:** The meeting of the Great Barrington Council on Aging held at The Claire Teague Senior Center, 917 Main Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts is called to order at 1:15 PM by Chair David Rutstein.

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Chair David Rutstein, Vice Chair Pat Kinne, Treasurer Maureen Avery, Secretary Susan Hipwell, Members Barbara Bailly, Jeanne Holcomb, Sandra Larkin and Amy Rutstein are in attendance. Polly Mann Salenovich, Director of the Claire Teague Senior Center is also present. Member Gaarn is absent.

**MINUTES:** Chair Rutstein asks for a motion to approve the minutes of January 30, 2019. Member Kinne makes the motion to approve and Member Rutstein seconds the motion.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Avery reports a balance in the treasury of \$24,436.56

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Donations Update:

- Charles Troccia has donated \$500.00 to the Center in appreciation for the attention the Center has given to his brother.
- The Friends of the CTSC received a \$200.00 donation from the Thursday Morning Club.
- CTSC received a \$200.00 donation from an appreciative participant.

**(Thanks to you all for your generous contributions!)**

Current after Hours Building Use:

Quilters Guild – monthly	Democratic Committee - monthly	Dining for Women - periodically
Agnostic AA – Mondays	Women's AA – Thursdays	Beginners AA - Fridays
Sheffield AA – 8:00	Misha's Exercise (Advanced) class	Christine's Strength Training Class
Tax Preparation	Therapy Dog	Decorative Arts
Breast Cancer Support Group		

Please note: The current policy is still in place that each group must fill out an "after hours use form" and then pick up, and drop off key at the police station. To firm-up some issues, a proposed new "building- use policy" may be implemented for the future.

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## **Earmark Update:**

- Shades will be installed in dining room on Friday.
- Acoustic paneling and sound system estimate is \$9,550.00. Waiting on installation by Wood Bros.
- Outreach in May - to be coordinated jointly with TRIAD – Big event (2 hrs.) – Seniors Health & Safety in coordination with Fire Dept., Fairview Hospital, and Sheriff's office. Hot dogs, etc. to be served.
- Outreach – Website will be completed in March – Newsletter blast for March is complete – February's 1800 newsletters have been mailed. Cost to Center is \$1,600.
- Door installation (pending paper-work)
- Vestibule plans have been eliminated due to "out of reach" expense
- Sign for Senior Center – possibly to read: Claire Teague Community Center - GB Council on Aging
- Transportation – Free rides to the May event and possibly other events
- Kitchen – Refrigerator, stove, and microwave have been installed. Coffee cart, pots & pans, and supplies have been purchased.

## **Upcoming Events:**

- Fridays – 12:30 PM - Free knitting lessons given by Peg Betterman. Supplies are provided, but you may bring your own. Sign-up sheet is in the dining room.
- Monday, March 4th – 12:00 PM – Consumer Advocate Kate Alexander of Berkshire Regional Housing will talk about frauds and scams affecting our communities.
- Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> - 12:30 PM – Friday Movie: "Ladies in Lavender" with Judi Dench and Maggie Smith. Popcorn will be served. Sign-up sheet in dining room.
- Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 AM – noon - St. Patrick's Day Party: Free corned beef and cabbage luncheon compliments of GB Healthcare. Andy Kelly and his 4 piece Irish band will perform again this year and we're all looking forward to this fine celebration.
- Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> - 11:45 AM – Sing-A-Long: Dee Foster will be singing and leading seniors in familiar songs from the 70's & 80's and a second St. Patty's Day lunch will be provided by Elder Services. Cost is \$2.00. Please call before noon the day before to make your reservation.
- Friday, March 22 - 11:00 AM – noon – Music by Doug: Doug Schmolze knows how to play to senior audience. Thanks again, Doug!
- Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM – noon – Winter Break Cookout - "On the grill" hamburgers, hotdogs and the usual cookout fare. A nice way to usher in spring and the coming of warmer weather. Cost is \$2.00. Sandy & Sandy will grace us with another crackerjack performance. Thanks Sandy & Sandy!
- July/August – Field Trip – Sheffield & Great Barrington Sr. Centers – Lobster luncheon/entertainment to the casino. Exact dates will be available soon.

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**BOARD SPEAKS:** Members discuss the need for better signage and where to place for more visibility and presence.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Chair calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Bailly makes the motion to adjourn and Member Rutstein seconds the motion. It is unanimously agreed to adjourn at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan Hipwell Morris*

Secretary

Minutes approved March 27, 2019