

Advisory Council for Greene County Department for the Aging
June 13, 2023 @ 2:00 – In person with option to join via Zoom

PERSON CONDUCTING MEETING: Dick Golden

RECORDER: Katy Drake/Consultant

ATTENDANCE: Chair Dick Golden, Ernie Armstead, Ed Bloomer, Tami Bone (staff), Lynn Brunner, Don Crespino, Kendra Huber, Tyler Lynch (guest), Stephanie Schleuderer (staff), Dottie True, Vice Chair Linda Van Etten and Molly Whitbeck * = **Zoom**

GUESTS: Ann Krieg*/DSS, Ruth Pforte, Michael Pirrone and Ken Brooks

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Lula Anderson, Michelle Deyo, Judy LoPresti, Charlene Mabey, Beverly Meyers, Lillian Moore, Florence Ohle, Jeff Ruso and Dawn Wallant

With 9 members present, plus 4 staff, the consultant and 2 guests, a quorum was available.

The Chair opened the meeting at 2:00 with roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Guest Michael Pirrone, representing the Greene Aging Services Foundation, was welcomed.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/INFORMATION	PERSONAL RESPONSIBLE	DUE	DONE
Review of Previous Minutes	The May 9, 2023, meeting minutes were approved as written.	Ed made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ernie seconded the motion. Minutes approved with all in favor.			X
AGING SERVICES	Tami Bone opened the meeting by bringing animatronic pets in for a demonstration.	The animatronic pets—dog, cat and bird—are part of an initiative by NYSOFA to combat loneliness in Seniors. Greene County DHS has received a shipment of these pets, which can be provided to seniors in the county for free.	Contact the Dept. of Human Services if you know a senior who may be interested in animatronic pets.		
DIRECTOR'S REPORT		Stephanie shared information on staffing. The new Case Manager has jumped right in. Greene currently has no wait list for Case Management Services. Bingo-cize at the centers is going well.			

<p>AGING SERVICES FOUNDATION</p>	<p>The Director invited Mr. Pirrone to the meeting to discuss the current status of the Aging Services Foundation</p>	<p>putting in air conditioners. The Board discussed recent calls to put in wheelchair ramps. While no funding is identified for the ramps, it was noted that veteran services will put in ramps for vets.</p> <p>Mr. Pirrone has been involved with the foundation for approximately 10 years. The Foundation has experienced a drastic loss of members over the years and needs new members to continue. Ken Brooks shared the importance of the Foundation. The Greene Aging Services Foundation carries the 501c3 status that is needed for tax deductions. If the Foundation does not continue on, people who donate will not be able to count the contribution as a tax deduction. All funds raised through the Foundation go to the county to offset the costs of medical transportation. Michael discussed the fundraising efforts over the years and commended Ken for the success of the Senior Angels Program.</p>	<p>The Board discussed ways to recruit new members for the Foundation. Bylaws require quarterly meetings. Corporate Sponsorships were discussed. Action Pending.</p>		
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Council Member Announcements & Updates:

- * Dick shared that if anyone needs a wheelchair ramp, one is stored in Cocksackie.
- * Linda confirmed the Board’s next meeting for September—there are no Senior Advisory Board meetings scheduled for July & August.
- * Ernie wished all a Happy Father’s Day. Information was shared on the street naming ceremony planned for West Main Street to become Martin Luther King Jr Way during the upcoming Juneteenth Celebration on June 19th at 2:00. Flyers were passed out.
- * Lynn shared the success of Athens’ Mother’s Day event and the plans for a Father’s Day celebration.
- * Dottie discussed the progress of the new Senior Center for Cairo. Information on classes on Fall Prevention was requested. The Board shared information on the YMCA’s *Moving for Balance* Class and the *Bingocize* Classes being offered at the Centers through the Department of Human Services’ partnership. Dottie commended Maureen Murphy for the Roundtable News. Dottie shared that 52 Bears will be coming into Cairo for a summer display.

* Tyler reported out for Vet Services. The Vets2Vets program is doing great. A weekly coffee hour has been a big success. A Mindfulness Walk is being planned for around Greene County in August and details can be found on Facebook. Information on the free upcoming bowling event was shared.

* Molly provided the Board information on the ReStore Grant funding. Currently, there are more clients than funds available. The client with a well situation discussed at a previous meeting is being assisted. Molly noted strong referrals are coming into the office, however, funds are limited.

* Kendra reminded the Board about the availability of Medical Equipment for clients in need.

* Tami shared information on the Veterans Stand Down Program, a military appreciation event, at CGCC this upcoming weekend, June 17th from nine to noon.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55.

Notes respectfully submitted by Katy Drake/Consultant

Meeting notes approved as written by a quorum at the September 12, 2023 meeting.

Next meeting – September 12, 2023 @ 2:00