

## **ELGIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ON SENIORS MEETING**

**729 S. McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL**

### **Meeting of October 26, 2023 Minutes**

The October 26, 2023 meeting of the Elgin Township Committee on Seniors was held in the lower level of the Township building. The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Maggie Beyer at 7:00 p.m. Marianne Rowe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Committee members Maggie Beyer, Ed Dring, Pedro Echevarria, Marianne Rowe, Alfredo Ramirez, Bob Carlsen, Fred Haas and William Lucas were present, as well as Elgin Township Trustee Janet Rogalla and Township Supervisor, Ken Bruderle. Carl Strathmann was absent. **Quorum was established.**

**A. RECOGNIZE PUBLIC COMMENTS** – There were no public comments.

**B. Approval of September 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes** – Marianne Rowe motioned and Bob Carlsen seconded. Motion carried 8-0-0.

#### **C. Unfinished Business -**

1. Book Reading Events - A new name “Senior Discuss and Discover” for the future event was decided by the attendees of the on-going event. Jerry Turnquist, Elgin historian is a speaker at this event and may be a future speaker as well. Last event, there were 43 seniors in attendance.
2. Update Nancy Hill Senior Questionnaire - Chair Maggie Beyer gave the committee Ms. Hill’s questionnaire for us to view. Mentioning that we may look it over and discuss in the future any possible additional items to be discussed.
3. Christmas Sing-a-long - Ed Dring set the date Dec 1st to sing at two senior facilities, one in Elgin and the other in South Elgin. Shirley Dring confirmed as pianist and we hope this will be the beginning of a nice tradition to give back to seniors.

#### **D. New Business -**

1. Disaster/Emergencies Preparedness Program - Chairwoman Beyer confirmed that Beth Brendl Kane County Emergency Preparedness Specialist is scheduled for November 27th, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
2. Grief Counseling - Todd Morley spoke about how seniors are experiencing grief and need support. William Lucas also mentioned his experience with grief and the importance of addressing this problem in the senior community.

**E. Announcements** - Holiday Sing-along at Township building December 7th.

The next regular meeting will be held on January 25, 2024, at 7 p.m. in lower-level of Elgin Township Building, 729 McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL 60123

**F. Adjournment** - At 7:43 p.m., Fred Haas motioned to adjourn with William Lucas seconding, motion carried 8-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Dring

\_\_\_\_\_ Edward Dring

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