

May 9, 2023

**President Jeff Shapiro** called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM in the Ballroom of the Sharon Community Center. 50 Members and guests were present.

**Ed Shifman** presented the Colors and with a crisp military salute, lead us in the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

**President's Messages:** Our next meeting, on May 16<sup>th</sup> will be at Whitney Place as the Community Center will be in use as an alternate polling place for Town Election Day. Please make your paid reservation for the June Monthly Breakfast, by personal check, to the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer.

Community Center Parking is limited particularly during the warm weather months. Please carpool or plan on the possibility of having to walk up from the Beach Lot. The Beach Lot should be available, as this year swimming will not be allowed by the Town of Sharon at the Community Center Beach.

**Secretary's Report: Secretary Norman Ainbinder** read the minutes of the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting which were accepted with a correction.

**Glad and Sad: Harvey Tobolsky and Warren Anastasia** advised us of the following: Congratulations to Nate and Judith Katzen who will celebrate their 58<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bud Adler fell and was hospitalized. A donation in memory of Barry Sudikoff will be made to the Foundation to Combat Autism.

**Boston Pops Concert: Al Bruno** reminded us that he still has tickets available for this concert on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Still room on the second bus for 10 more couples. Please contact him for all the details.

**Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Ralph Jacobs** mentioned the following: We currently have 285 members. 88 are unpaid and 26 are over age 90 and are exempt. Follow ups via E Mail will be starting shortly. Please make your payment by May 31<sup>st</sup> to avoid the \$10 Late Fee. Payment for the June 6<sup>th</sup> breakfast is now being accepted. Thanks to Peter Bickoff for making these a success. Cutoff for paid reservations is at noon on the Thursday prior to the breakfast. Annual Luncheon is on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Paid reservation must be received by the Treasurer no later than June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Miniature Golf Tournament: Ira Abramson** has finalized plans for May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Whist:** Games are played every Wednesday afternoon downstairs in the Community Center. See **Assistant Secretary Ed Rubin** to make a reservation and sign up for lessons or a refresher. No admission permitted without a reservation.

**Biker Gang:** Will meet up on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> at the Stoughton YMCA at 10:30 AM. **Lew Victor** is the group lead and should be contacted if you are interested.

**Corn Hole:** Will not take place this week.

**Day Trips:** **Dan Liberman** reported that the Cape Cod Canal Boat Tour and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute Tour appear to be the top 2 events in which members have expressed an interest. Transportation will probably be by carpool for both events. More details to follow. Woo Sox trip will be on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Seating will be in shaded area. Carpooling will be needed. NY City multi day trip with hotel stay, tours, Broadway show and some meals is in the planning stage for next year.

**Nomination of Officers and Election:** The Nominating Committee reported on its candidates being proposed for election. The floor was opened for additional nominations, and none were brought forward by the membership.

**Parliamentarian Harvey Spack** moved that the candidates as proposed by the Nominating Committee be elected by the casting of one vote in place of polling all members. His motion was seconded. He then cast the vote. The members then, by acclamation, approved the election of the officers as follows:

**President: Steve Lechter**

**Vice President: Ralph Jacobs**

**Secretary: Norman Ainbinder**

**Assistant Secretary: Ed Rubin**

**Treasurer: Carl Frank**

**Assistant Treasurer: Harvey Levine**

**Program Committee: Chairman Bob Soffer** introduced **Ms. Michelle Woodberry**, who with the able assistance of Steve Cohn in charge of the audio/visual equipment, spoke on **Touring Senior Living Facilities and the Questions to Ask.**

Ms Woodberry is the co-founder, along with her sister, of **2Sisters Senior Living Advisors.** She is also a Certified Senior Living Advisor. She provided many helpful hints on where to tour, when to go, who to try to meet, questions to ask during first and second visits, dos and don'ts of touring, what facilities and activities to look for and how to decide if a facility meets your predetermined goals. It is most important to determine in advance if you need skilled nursing, assisted living or an independent living type of facility and how you may need to transition amongst them. Your finances and other resources play an important part in this process. A very interesting Q and A followed her presentation.

Raffle: There were 2 winners.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Norman Ainbinder, Secretary