

CALENDAR HOUSE MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
December 18, 2025
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER –At 1:00 p.m. President, Denise Roy called the membership meeting to order.

ROLL CALL – Paul Lundie called the roll.

Directors & Officers present: Mark White, Mary Robarge, Mary Dubuque, Paul Lundie, Laurie Bleau, Peg Ciervo, Cynthia Herron, Dawn Sargis, Maryann Comtois, Denise Roy, Janet Turner, Liz Chubet.

Absent: Rachel Wache.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The pledge of allegiance was led by Denise Roy.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Minutes of Previous Meeting – Paul Lundie said the November minutes have been posted on the bulletin board and if anyone has any comments about them, please let him know.

Motion: A motion to accept the November minutes as presented was made by member 1 from the floor and seconded by member 2 from the floor. Unanimous vote of approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Cynthia Herron gave the Treasurer's Report for November 2025. The Treasurer's Report is posted on the bulletin board.

A member asked what petty cash, cash and receipts, was. Cynthia explained that it was the cash plus receipts for money spent should add up to \$200.00. Denise Roy said the petty cash is usually used for items under \$50.00.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT – Mary Dubuque said for November, we had nine deceased members. She wanted to mention that Elsie Walicki, who some of you may remember, died at the age of 101. She was the Treasurer and on the Board for many years. She wrote a sympathy note to her daughter and one other Thank You note. There were 55 new members.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Membership Events & Entertainment –Maryann Comtois said today we have the Coconuts, you may remember them as the Jukebox Boys. In January we will have Jukebox Bingo.

Fundraising– Janet Turner asked how many members are retired and how many are volunteering somewhere. If anyone has any ideas for fundraisers to let her know. We are going to register with Boscov's next year for the Friends and Family program. Janet thanked the membership for participating in the Fascias Chocolates, the Chick-Fil-A, the Friendly's and the Panera Bread fundraisers.

Janet brought up the \$1500.00 donation that came from the Car Cruise people. She asked the membership, if anyone has any ideas that everyone would benefit from, to put them in the suggestion box which Denise checks regularly.

Finance – Cynthia Herron said on our budget sheet we are at 101% revenues. That is mostly because of the No Bake Sale which brought in over \$10000.00. That will go forward into programs and other things.

On the expenditures, we spent less than 50% so we are going to adjust that. For entertainment we are at 60% but we do not have all the expenditures yet for December. We do not have the Christmas program or the Christmas Holiday party included. This report is as of November 30. For Hospitality we spent 77%. For Social internal we spent 85%. The total expenditures spent were 64%.

Denise Roy said in January we are going to provide you with two things. First a spreadsheet on how we spent the money and second our budget for 2026 for you to ratify. The Finance Committee presented the budget for 2026 to the Board of Directors earlier today. They approved it and we will be presenting it to you next month for ratification.

A member asked what percentage do we go up each year. Denise replied that it depends on the revenue that we took in the prior year. This year we took a good amount of revenue in due to the No Bake Sale and raffles. We took in about \$15000.00. Next year we will be bringing more programs in-house. We are looking to have at least one in-house activity each month. Some will have meals and some will have appetizer type of food. All in-house activities will be during the day because a lot of people have said it is hard to get out at night.

By-Laws – Mark White said there are no changes to the By-Laws.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Calendar House Director's Report – Dawn Sargis gave the Directors Report.

Heating in the Main Hall:

As many of know the heating has been down in the Main Hall since early December. Sav-Mor is working on the replacement of the faulty heat exchanger on the unit that serves the Main Hall for the past two days and we hope that they will complete the work today. I want to thank everyone for your patience, bundling up, and still coming in to participate in activities at Calendar House even while the heat has been down.

ARPA Projects:

There is nothing new to report. The pickleball court will be completed in the spring. The awning for the patio is on order.

Suggestions Recently Received:

Can we cover the electric outlets in the floor of the card room to prevent a tripping hazard? Since we have been unable to source flush floor outlet covers, JSA Electric was in this week with another contractor to see what can be done. It has been determined that customized plates will need to be made. There is no way to make them completely flush, but pricing will be provided on installing something with a much lower profile.

Cornhole: Denise Roy said she picked up this suggestion just before the meeting today.

Dawn said someone is looking for Cornhole and bean bag competition with other senior centers. We did try to do cornhole. We are willing to try doing it again. We have Cornhole sets that we can use in the Recreation Department.

Vending Machine: The vending machine has been installed. To see the price of an item, simply type in the number of the product on the key pad and the price will appear on the screen. We will reach out to the vendor to see if they can supply a poster with the prices listed as well.

Energy Assistance:

A reminder that Calendar House is currently accepting applications for the CT Energy Assistance Program. The annual income guidelines for this heating season are a gross max of \$47,764 for a single individual and \$62,640 for a couple. Information on how to apply is listed in our newsletter. If you have questions regarding Energy Assistance, please see me (Dawn) or inquire at the front desk.

Lastly, on behalf of the staff and the Senior Citizens Commission Advisory Board I would like to wish you all a very happy, safe and healthy holiday!

A member asked at the Disco event in a room that holds 200 people why are you limiting it to 60 people. Dawn replied that the 200 is for people standing. We will be having tables and people dancing so we have to limit it to 60.

The same member asked why the entertainment is in a corner where the sun reflecting off the shingles is so bright that we have a tough time seeing the entertainers. Dawn said one thing that will relieve that is when the awning is installed.

A member asked about requesting funds for more bus drivers when she submits the budget to the Town. Dawn replied that is something we do every year. In fact, last year the budget was actually cut.

Another member asked about repeating questions so that all could be aware of what was being asked, as well as having a microphone available for members to use to ask questions. We will make a microphone available starting with the January 2026 Membership meeting.

Calendar House Program Director's Report – Liz Chubet said she would like to invite you all on Christmas Eve to see the Herron Family Singers. They will be here to provide caroling. There will be light refreshments and they donate their time every year.

In 2026 we will have Powerback Rehabilitation to do free balance assessments in the health suite. Appointments with an OT and a PT will be available bi-weekly on Thursdays from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Every other Thursdays the Powerback OT and PT team will assist registrants using the equipment helping them with what exercises would be helpful for them.

On January 5 we are having a New Year's/Disco Party. The limitation is because of the dance floor. The tickets are available now and are \$10.00.

We have a quilt and table runner drawing today donated from the quilting ladies and I want to thank them for their generosity and working on the quilt.

Unfinished Business

Ratification of Directors - Denise Roy said they did not receive any names of people interested in joining the Board by December 10. Therefore, the three people whose terms are up said they would be willing to serve another term and there will not be an election. We need the membership to ratify the existing Board. Denise asked for a motion to ratify the board.

Motion: A motion to ratify the Board was made by member 3 from the floor and seconded by member 4 from the floor. Unanimous vote of approval.

New Business

Suggestion Box – See Cornhole above.

General Good And Welfare of the Association – Denise Roy asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Announcements

The next BOD meeting will be Thursday January 29, 2026 at 10:15 a.m. at Calendar House.

Next Calendar House Membership meeting: Thursday January 29, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at Calendar House.

Entertainment Today – The Coconuts

The raffle prize drawings will be held after adjournment.

Adjournment:

Motion: A motion to adjourn was made by member 5 from the floor and seconded by member 6 from the floor. Unanimous vote of approval.

The meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Paul Lundie, Secretary