

CALENDAR HOUSE MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
January 29, 2026

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, Paul Lundie, Peg Ciervo, Cynthia Herron, Dawn Sargis, Maryann Comtois, Denise Roy, Janet Turner, Rachel Wache, Liz Chubet.

Absent: Mary Dubuque, Laurie Bleau.

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Minutes of Previous Meeting – Paul Lundie said the December minutes have been posted on the bulletin board and asked if there are any corrections.

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

Installation of Officers – Dawn Sargis led the Installation of Officers. The Board members stood and raised their right hand while Dawn read the pledge.

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

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY’S REPORT – Denise Roy reported the Corresponding Secretary is not here today. We have 24 new members.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Membership Events & Entertainment –Maryann Comtois said today, after our meeting, we will be playing Jukebox Bingo. Our next meeting will be in March and we will have Mick Iaruso for entertainment.

Fundraising– Janet Turner said that after the business meeting we are going to draw for the four raffles. There is one ticket per person because we want to make sure enough seniors have the opportunity to win something for free.

If you have any new items sitting around in your closet, we appreciate you donating them and we call these gifts “clutter with a bow”. I want to thank two anonymous donors, who are here today, for their contribution.

We are working on some fundraisers. One is Outback Steakhouse. We are looking at a date of May 4. We are looking to register with Boscov’s. If you have any other ideas, see Rachel Wache or myself.

Finance

Internal Audit Update -4Q2025 – Cynthia Herron said the Audit will be done the first week of February.

2025 Income & Cost/Subsidy Summary – Denise Roy had 2025 Income & Cost/Subsidy Summary on the tables for members to review. Denise said that last year the Membership Association subsidized \$10466.45. We took in more than we had planned, \$16285.67. A lot of that was from the No Bake Sale. We had \$3900.50 in other donations. \$1500.00 of that was from the Car Group. We also received \$500.00 from the Granny Squares raffle.

Denise asked if there were any questions about what we spent in 2025. There were no questions.

2026 Budget Ratification - Denise Roy had the 2026 Budget on the tables for members to review. Denise said the budget was reviewed by the Board last month. This month we need the membership to ratify the budget. Denise asked if there were any questions before we ratify it. If approved, we are looking at a shortage of about \$14000.00 which means that money is coming out of our general account. So, we are spending our money down.

A member asked if we could put some money in to fix the machine where we put our cards in. Dawn Sargis said that going forward they will not be issuing membership cards. If you have a card you can continue to use it. If you do not have a card, you can enter your phone number. We have been having a lot of problems with the machine that prints them.

Motion: - A motion to ratify the 2026 Budget was made by Mary Robarge and seconded by a member from the floor. There was unanimous vote of approval.

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

SPECIAL REPORTS

Calendar House Director's Report – Dawn Sargis said as a reminder that we are still accepting applications for Energy Assistance. You just have to bring your information to the front desk to have it processed. In the news letter there is information on how you qualify for the program.

The Assessor's office will start taking applications on February 1st for the elderly and totally disabled homeowners state program. Those applications will be accepted until February 15th. If you are not a renter and own your home, are at least 65 as of December 31 of 2025 or over 18 and permanently disabled you can apply for this program. Your 2025 income cannot exceed \$56500.00 for a married couple or \$46300.00 if you are single.

We are accepting calls to make appointments for 2025 Income Tax with AARP. We are doing appointments starting Tuesday morning February 10th and running through Friday morning April 10th.

Dawn Sargis said she wanted to skip to Unfinished Business,

Day Trips: Dawn said she wants give a summary and bring closure to day trips. At a previous meeting a question was raised that Plainville Senior Center provides a lot of special trips using their Dial-A-Ride busses. She did some research. The Southington Dial-A-Ride program is provided by the Town for transportation to people 55 and older or those with disabilities; are unable to drive and do not have alternate transportation. Our priorities are medical appointments, grocery shopping, to and from Calendar House for nutrition, activities and social service assistance. This is a Town program and not a Membership program.

Dawn spoke with the Director of the Plainville Senior Center and we looked back to October. In October Plainville had eight or nine special trips. The total one-way rides including special trips and essential trips were 728. Calendar house provided 1260 one-way rides, essential trips only.

Dawn said she has two full time bus drivers and one office worker all with CDL's. She has two part time drivers who cannot drive the large busses. We do a lot of rides with not a lot of staff. We do not have the capacity to do special trips at this time. The alternative is the Trip Desk. They provide a lot of great day trips. The Plainville Senior Center do a lot of trips and you have the option to join. If anybody feels strongly about us providing day trips I would encourage you attend the Town Council meetings.

A member asked if that was reason why we no longer have the trip to Lenny's and Joe's. Dawn replied that we offered that trip a few years back. At that time, we had a part time driver who had a CDL license and was able to drive the large bus. It is very difficult to find a part time driver with a CDL.

Someone mentioned chartering a bus. The Membership Board looked into that and it is very cost prohibitive. The price would be between \$40 and \$50 per person just for the transportation. On top of that you would have to provide for your lunch and any activity fee's. So, the price point would come out close to what the Trip Desk would offer.

Dawn said one of the reasons we have the Trip Desk, was that more than a decade ago trips were handled by Calendar House but the director there said they were not going to do anymore trips. That is when the Trip Desk was formed. Working with a tour company transfers liability from the town to the tour company.

A member asked about having Membership budget money for new cornhole boards. The ones we currently have are made of sheet metal which aren't conducive for the corn hole bags; wood boards would be better. Dawn stated that the 2026 budget was just ratified by the Membership. She would see whether she could cover in her budget.

Calendar House Program Director's Report – Liz Chubet said the movie matinees have been well attended and we are getting good feedback on them.

Next month we are having Grumpy Old Men. The time will be at 10:00 am.

Our Foot Clinic, Balance Assessments, and Exercise Classes with Powerback have been fully booked. We are very happy that the assessments and the exercise classes have been so popular.

Hot Dog Bingo ran very well. We were at capacity and it ran seamlessly. I have to thank all of our volunteers for their help. We couldn't run these events without them.

The February schedule has 2 series running. One is the DASH Program being sponsored and run by the South Central Health District. They are taking registration for this to make sure that the applicants fit their criteria for the program.

The other series running is the Graphoanalysis series. Pat Senich is back to teach the 8-week course.

We have some in-house events coming up:

St. Patrick's Day we will have an informal get together with Anita Siarkowski playing the accordion with Cynthia Herron reading excerpts from Anita's books. We will have light refreshments available too.

Polish Night will be on Wednesday, April 8th at 3:30pm in the Main Hall. Authentic Polish food and entertainment by David Gocłowski. There will be appetizers, desserts and drinks included. More information coming.

Unfinished Business

Day Trips – See Calendar House Director's report.

New Business

Suggestion Box – There were no new suggestions.

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, February 26, 2026 at 10:15 a.m. at Calendar House.

Next Calendar House Membership meeting: Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at Calendar House.

Entertainment Today – Jukebox Bingo w/ Aaron Demarest

The raffle prize drawings will be held after adjournment.

Adjournment:

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Paul Lundie, Secretary