

CALENDAR HOUSE MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
May 28, 2026

MINUTES

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

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

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

Guest: Hannah Bellows

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Minutes of Previous Meeting – Paul Lundie said he posted minutes on the bulletin board and if everybody is agreeable with them could we have a motion to accept the minutes.

Motion: A motion to accept the March 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 – Laurie Bleau gave the Treasurer’s Report for April 2026. The Treasurer’s Report is posted on the bulletin board. Laurie asked if there were any questions.

A member asked with reference to Erin Stewart former Mayor of New Britain, how many people have access to the CHMA checking account and do we have a credit card? Laurie replied that she as Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer and the President have access to the checking account. We do not have a credit card.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY’S REPORT – Mary Dubuque reported for the month of April there were 37 deceased members. The list for April has been posted on the bulletin board. Also, the list for March was posted. While we had 37 deceased members for April we added 31 new members. No thank you notes were written.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Membership Events & Entertainment –Maryann Comtois said for today we have David “G” an accordionist for entertainment. Our next meeting will be July 30th and we will have the Elderly Brothers.

Fundraising– Janet Turner said that we accept new items for the raffle. They are donated by our fellow senior citizens. They can be dropped off at the front desk and will be used at the membership meetings. We have menus to the Outback Steak House. The date for the Outback Giveback Night will be Wednesday, June 17 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

Finance

Internal Audit Update -1Q2026 – Cynthia Herron said the audit was perfect.

2026 Budget vs Actuals – Cynthia said for the budget we are right on target. The expenditures are: administrative 19%, entertainment 13%, gifts 25%, hospitality 29% and social events 16%

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

SPECIAL REPORTS

Calendar House Director's Report – Dawn Sargis reported the following:

Awning – The patio awning installation is complete. The contractor is scheduled to return shortly to finish the interior wall repairs in the Main Hall.

Pickleball Courts - Based on feedback from players, we have decided not to purchase new benches, as the designated installation area receives too much direct sunlight. Instead, Calendar House member Charlie Flugrad has generously donated lightweight outdoor chairs. Currently stored on-court, these chairs can easily be moved into shaded areas as players wait turns, and they are inexpensive to replace if damaged or stolen. The Membership Association's previously approved \$1,000 allocation for these benches which will be repurposed.

Pool Table Donation - We are sad to announce the recent passing of Calendar House member and avid pool player, Mike Riccio. In accordance with his wishes, Mike has donated his 9-foot Brunswick Gold Crown pool table to our facility. Mike Dupre gave an overview at the Board of Director's meeting.

Following is a brief summary:

To accommodate this generous gift, we will rearrange the pool room, which currently houses three 8-foot tables. Two of the existing tables will remain, and the least desirable table will be offered to another Town department.

Cost & Funding Breakdown:

We received a quote of \$1,844.98 from T&M Billiards to transport the 9-foot table, complete necessary repairs, and install new cloth.

Funding Sources:

\$1,000.00: Repurposed from the pickleball bench fund (approved by the Membership Board of Directors).

\$844.98: Covered by the Calendar House Town budget.

Renters Rebate Program - A reminder that Calendar House is currently processing applications for the Connecticut Renters Rebate Program. Detailed eligibility requirements and application instructions are available on page 3 of the newsletter, or you may inquire directly at the front desk.

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Two afghans and one quilt are currently on display in the main office and are being raffled off to benefit the Calendar House Membership Association.

Tickets: \$1.00 each (available at the front desk).

Drawing: June 29th during the Herron Family Singers America 250 event at Calendar House.

New Folding Chairs & Storage Rack - A big thank you to the Membership Trip Desk for funding the purchase of 60 new blue folding chairs and a matching storage rack for the Main Hall. These chairs are an excellent addition to our facility, ensuring a cohesive, uniform look for future social events.

Calendar House Program Director's Report – Liz Chubet said on Wednesday, June 3rd at 1:30 we will have Jukebox Bingo.

We have an Elder Fraud Presentation Wednesday, June 10th at 1:00.

We have a Charcuterie Board Making Class Thursday, June 11th at 11:00. There is a \$30 fee that covers everything.

We have the America 250 Program Wednesday, June 17th at 1:00. Christina Volpe curator of the Barnes Museum staff will be doing a lecture about the Town of Southington during the American Revolution.

We have the Herron Family Singers Monday, June 29th at 1:30.

We have the Mocktail Party Wednesday, July 22nd at 1:30. We have three partners going in on this. They are World Wide Wines, Live Well and Always Best Care of Bristol. Tickets are \$15 per person and go on sale June 22nd.

Special Guest - Liz Chubet introduced Hannah Bellows who spoke about bringing the performing arts to Calendar House. [Attachment](#)

New Business

Suggestion Box – Denise Roy read the suggestions:

We had a request to have green tea.

Have paper coffee cups only instead of styrofoam.

Have a class on Instagram.

Arrange bus trips to listen to different singers from the early and mid 60's. (Denise will talk to the Trip Desk folks about this one.)

General Good And Welfare of the Association – Mark White spoke about all the areas that the computer lab deals with and offers help with. He said there is a problem. The number of us doing it is down to two. We need more help with the technical stuff. If you know anybody with a technical background who would like to help us out, please let me know.

A member asked if there was any way you could put in the budget to share or pay for an IT person. Dawn said that is something that is being explored.

Announcements

The next BOD meeting will be Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 10:15 a.m. at Calendar House.

Next Calendar House Membership meeting: Thursday, July 30, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at Calendar House.

Entertainment Today – David “G” Gocłowski

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 1:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Paul Lundie, Secretary

Attachment: Hannah Bellows