

CALENDAR HOUSE MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
July 30, 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

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 May 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 June 2026. The Treasurer's Report is posted on the bulletin board. Laurie asked if there were any questions. None received.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT – Mary Dubuque reported for the month of June there were 12 deceased members and 29 new members. A thank you note was sent to Bernice Riccio for the donation of her husband's nine foot pool table.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Membership Events & Entertainment –Maryann Comtois said today we are having the Elderly Brothers entertaining us this afternoon. In September we are going to have Ashly Cruz.

Fundraising– Janet Turner thanked the anonymous donors for today's raffle items. We have a \$25 gift card to Dave's Hot Chicken. There are flyers on the tables. Janet thanked everybody that attended the Outback Steakhouse dine to donate. Janet asked the membership for any ideas for fundraising and any items you have to donate for the free raffle.

Finance

Internal Audit Update -2Q2026 – Cynthia Herron said the last internal audit was done perfectly. The next audit will be done on August 4 at 1:00 p.m.

2026 Budget vs Actuals – Cynthia said for the budget we are doing very well and we are in line with all of our numbers.

Denise Roy said we are actually under budget with a lot of the social events being held inhouse. Liz and other staff have had great success getting good prices from the vendors.

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

SPECIAL REPORTS

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

ARPA Project Update

Final update on the ARPS projects. They all have been completed.

Pool Table Donation Update

The pool table donated by Bernice Riccio in memory of her husband Michael, was dedicated on July 23rd. Dawn thanked the Membership Association for \$1000 towards the cost of moving and minor repairs of the table. The remaining funding came from the Town.

Indoor Cornhole Program Update

Two new cornhole board sets were purchased by the Membership Association and Indoor Cornhole has been added to the schedule on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. This is a drop-in activity, so if anyone is interested in playing, please stop in to play at 1 pm. It has been noted by one of the players that dual-sided bean bags would be desirable. I will order two new sets of bean bags utilizing Town funds.

Vending Machine Update

In June I reported to the Board of Director's that I recently learned that according to CT State statute all municipal buildings in the State of CT must give first right of refusal to the Department of Aging and Disability Services, Bureau of Education and Services for the Blind for vending machines. Some of you may have already noticed that the snack machine has already been removed. The State will allow us some time to deplete the soda inventory before we remove the Coca-Cola machine located in the cardio room. Once both machines are removed, we will allow the State to replace them. Unfortunately, the pricing of the products will increase, but please keep in mind this is a beneficial program for these State programs.

RW Solutions Federal Elderly Nutrition Program (ENP)

RW Solutions informed me that federal funding cuts will once again impact our Elderly Nutrition Program (ENP) lunch service at Calendar House (Monday, Tuesday, and Friday).

Beginning in August, RW Program Director Rose Booker advised that our weekly lunch allocation will decrease from 75 to 60 meals. We have met with Sharon, RW's Café Manager, and reviewed demand. Based on that review, we will allocate the 60 meals as follows:

- Monday: 16 meals
- Tuesday: 16 meals
- Friday: 28 meals

August Transition Plan: Since registrations were accepted before this news, we are 18 meals over the new cap for August. To ensure everyone who registered is accommodated, I am requesting using \$45.00 from the Calendar House Membership Association's discretionary fund to cover the difference between the private-pay rate (\$5.50) and the suggested donation (\$3.00) for those 18 meals.

Long-Term Plan (September Onward): Because there is no set end date for this cap—and I have previously received guidance that the Town will not subsidize meals—we will not offer a private-pay option after August. We previously offered the private-pay option, but when it was not subsidized, it created tension because some members didn't fully understand why they had to pay more than others to receive the same meal.

Therefore, starting in September:

- Once daily registration reaches the new cap, members will be referred to Bread for Life (BFL) for a meal.
- I have already spoken with Missy Cipriano at BFL so she is aware that there may be an increase in those visiting BFL on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. As you know, they currently serve meals at Calendar House on Wednesdays and Thursdays (up to 33/day).
- BFL is actively pursuing a grant to add an additional serving day at Calendar House. If granted, we can reduce our schedule with RW Solutions down to two days.

I will keep you updated as I have more information.

Seating Policy

I made an announcement at Bingo on July 24th regarding seating, due to the increased complaints the office has been receiving. To summarize, there is no reserved seating (unless otherwise noted). Please do not tell someone they cannot sit in an unoccupied seat and please do not tell someone that they must vacate a seat they are seated in. Thank you for your cooperation.

Bingo Check-In

Due to the many new members we have, beginning August 14th, we will be requiring everyone attending Bingo to sign in each week. Additional staff members will be available between 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. to accommodate this and cut down on waiting times. We want to ensure we are getting an accurate count of the bingo attendance and also that only registered Calendar House members (and their Aides) are attending.

Calendar House Program Director's Report – Liz Chubet said she has a local artist, Joanne Beerbaum, who will be coming in periodically to run some classes that are different from what we usually have. She did a portrait class that has turned into a series. She wants to come back and do an air dry clay class in September.

Cornhole is running Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 to 2:30 in the fitness room.

In September the Y will be here to run a 12-week Type 2 Diabetes class. This will be open to Calendar House and Y members who register for the class. If you register for the class, you get a 12-week free membership to the Y. You must have a diagnosis of Type 2 diabetes for this class.

We are having a Fried Chicken Dinner here September 29th from 2:00 to 4:00pm . We are still working on the ticket price, but it will be affordable. Jim Moore will be here to entertain you.

Because we are under budget, we will be having more inhouse events.

September 2nd is the registration date for the art classes.

Liz said that the front is very busy with Dial-A-Ride, questions and other things going on, we thought about how to welcome members. We would like to open it up to the membership for volunteers to give about two hours at a time to sit in the front lobby to welcome people and answer questions. Times would be Mondays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and Wednesdays from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Attachment

New Business

Suggestion Box – Denise Roy said we had no new suggestions. She has made a list of the suggestions received the past year. The list will show what has been acted upon and what has not and why.

General Good And Welfare of the Association – A member asked if the 501 c(3) has been discussed. Denise said we had a discussion and even if we wanted to, we could not go back to get all the many years of information required to reinstate the 501c(3) status.

Announcements

The next BOD meeting will be Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 10:15 a.m. at Calendar House.

Next Calendar House Membership meeting: Thursday, September 24, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at Calendar House.

Entertainment Today – The Elderly Brothers

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 1:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Paul Lundie, Secretary

Attachment: Volunteers Needed