

CALENDAR HOUSE MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
September 24, 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, Cynthia Herron, Dawn Sargis, Maryann Comtois, Denise Roy, Janet Turner, Liz Chubet.

Absent: Peg Ciervo

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Minutes of Previous Meeting – Paul Lundie said he posted minutes on the bulletin board and if there any corrections, let me know. I ask for a motion to accept the minutes.

Motion: A motion to accept the July 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 September 2026. The Treasurer's Report is posted on the bulletin board. Laurie asked if there were any questions.

A member complimented Laurie on the report but asked if at the end, for us non-CPA's, if we are in good shape or if we have too much money or if we have not enough money. Laurie replied that we are doing fine. The budget is made in October for the following year and we are right on budget.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Mary Dubuque said for the month of August there were 8 deceased members and she wrote three thank you notes; One for the pool table donation, one for the donation for Hot Dog Bingo in memory of Jeff Driscoll and one for the donation of the four-drawer file cabinet. There are 72 new members in September.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Membership Events & Entertainment –Maryann Comtois said today we are having Ashly Cruz to entertain us this afternoon. Ashly is a multi-talented entertainer with a musical history that has provided wonderful performances for many years. Her musical career began as a dancer in the Hartford Ballet Company, later becoming a founding member and choreographer for the Hartford Contemporary Dance Theater. A Connecticut native, Ashly is a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University's Musical Theater Department. Her very popular cabaret style will delight you with popular selections, Broadway and songs in French, Italian and Spanish. Today she is starting off with her Dolly Parton show.

At our next Membership meeting in November, we will have After All Duo. They are excellent and very seasoned performers.

Fundraising– Janet Turner thanked out seniors who have donated items for today's free raffle. If you would like to drop off any items you can drop them off at the senior center. It's time to clean out your

closets and donate things you do not use. Today we have three baskets made up for the raffle and the second \$25 gift card to Dave's Hot Chicken.

We have registered for the Boskov's Friends Helping Friends sale which is Wednesday October 21 from 8:00 am to 11:00 pm. We are going to put Friends Helping Friends posters online and at Calendar House. You can purchase cards at \$5.00 each and receive 25% off your purchases that day. The \$5 goes to the Membership Association. You can see Janet for details.

Today we are giving out popcorn from Lesser Evil.

Finance

Internal Audit update – 3Q2026 – Cynthia Herron said the next audit will take place in November. The last audit was perfect.

2026 Budget vs Actuals – Cynthia Herron said we are under budget this year. That's why we have been able to do subsidies for some events, such as the Chicken Dinner.

A member asked how close we are to the No Bake Sale. Cynthia replied that will be handled by Dawn.

Denise Roy commented that we are under budget and a lot of that is due to the internal events which are at a much lower cost. Dawn and Liz have been able to get vendors at a much lower cost for us. We are going to start the 2027 budget process next month. If you have any thoughts of what you would like to see done with the money please put them in the suggestion box.

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

SPECIAL REPORTS

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

This Saturday the Southington Police Department will hold a car seat clinic from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. They can check that your car seat is sized and installed correctly. They can install it for you also.

This Sunday September 27, the Lions Club will have their breakfast here from 8:30 a.m. to Noon.

Bread for Life will have their Soup Night at Southington High School, Wednesday, October 14 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$13 and should be bought in advance.

Sunday, October 25, the Knights of Columbus Breakfast will be held here from 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 15, the UNICO Breakfast will be held here from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Granny Squares will have their sale in the lobby during the breakfast.

At a previous meeting, a suggestion to have the second tv in the main hall connected for Bingo was made. Mark White met with Colin Blake from the IT Department to review the work needed to be done to accomplish this. He received an email from Colin yesterday that the IT Director is not comfortable having his staff do the work due to the ceiling height, therefore the work would have to be contracted out. He will work on getting quotes.

Federal Nutrition Program. RW Solutions has not been able to confirm if the number of weekly meals will increase back to 75 in October, therefore we are sticking with 60 meals per week until we hear otherwise. Right now we will have 16 meals on Monday and Tuesdays and 28 meals on Fridays. The Bread for Life meals will remain unchanged at a cap of 33 meals/day served Wednesday and Thursday.

Treadmills in the cardio room - Dawn said she requested \$1400.00, last year in the Town 2026/2027 budget to flip the decks and replace belts on both treadmills, but was ultimately cut, along with a request to replace one of the Sci-Fit machines. Today she asked CHMA Board if they could use the Hospital Fund, approximately \$825.00, to flip the decks and replace the belts on both treadmills.

No Bake Sale - Notices for the No Bake Sale, which is the Membership annual fundraiser, will be sent out by the end of October. A call for help to fold and label the mailing will be put out soon, so if you are part of the Go-Getter volunteer group watch for that. We will be mailing out about 1600 notices. The Town budget will cover the bulk mail permit fee and Membership will cover the funds for the supplies and the postage itself. Donation envelopes will be available in the building for those that do not receive a mailing.

Reminder that the Medicare Annual Enrollment period runs from October 15th through December 7th. By September 30th you should receive an ANOC (Annual Notice of Change) which will inform you of the changes that are happening with your plan in 2027 such as premium changes, deductible changes, changes to the plan formulary for prescription drugs, doctors and hospitals covered under the plan, etc. This is an important document to review. If you don't receive it, do not assume there are no changes. Contact your plan provider to let them know you didn't receive it and you want to know what changes are happening. The Annual Enrollment Period is the time of year that you can make changes to your Medicare plans. For example, you can switch your Medicare Part D prescription plan. If you are on a Medicare Advantage Plan you can return to traditional Medicare Part A and B and pick up a Medigap policy, or vice versa, you can change from traditional Medicare to an Advantage plan. Whatever you decide to do, the last choice you make by December 7th is the choice that sticks and those plans will become effective January 1st. Our community partner Raymond Senior Planning not only provides great cake for our meetings, but they will also have a program here on October 1st at 10:30 a.m. to review 2027 changes. If you are not currently working with an agent, I highly recommend that you register to attend. If you would like to set up an appointment with me to review your insurance utilizing the Medicare.gov Plan Finder, please reach out to me.

Renters Rebate - September 30th is the final day to apply for Renter's Rebate. Office of Policy & Management will no longer accept extensions. If you applied, rebate checks will be issued by Office of Policy & Management in November.

CT Energy Assistance Program - Calendar House will begin accepting paperwork for the CT Energy Assistance Program for deliverable fuel heating customers (oil and propane) on October 13th, and Eversource gas and electric heating customers on November 16th. Information on how to apply can be found in the October newsletter. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

We have a new Part Time Senior Service Aide, Andrea Barrett, who will be starting with us Monday September 28, 2026. Her hours will be 10-2. She will be primarily assisting members with State and Federal programs.

Most of you know we lost a Calendar House member, employee and good friend to the Town of Southington when Ed Pocock passed away on July 1st. I'm happy to let everyone know that the Southington Town Council declared Monday, September 14th to be Edward S. Pocock Jr. Day in Southington. An official proclamation was read at the Town Council meeting that evening and the Main Hall at Calendar House was renamed in his honor and will now be known as the Edward S. Pocock, Jr. Community Room. Additionally, the Board of Finance will be dedicating capital for improvements to this room or a broader space at Calendar House in Ed's memory and a special celebration at a future Membership Meeting will be planned when the improvements are completed.

A member spoke about the use of styrofoam cups. He said the styrofoam cups cannot be recycled. He recommended we use polystyrene or paper cups. He showed a food grade polystyrene cup with the recycle symbol on it. He said the styrofoam polystyrene foam is poison for recycling.

Dawn said that we will use up our current supply of cups and will not reorder styrofoam. RW who runs the lunch program, that is the product they use and we have no control over that.

Dawn said Janet Turner has been doing a great job with all the raffles, but people coming in late has caused a chaotic situation when the meeting was already called to order. So, after this meeting we will stop giving out the raffle tickets at 1:00 p.m.

Calendar House Program Director's Report – Liz Chubet gave the Program Director's report.

We are experiencing an uptick in programs filling to capacity which is positive. Some of the early September programs were completely filled so we will run those again as a courtesy to our members. We want to make sure that more members have a chance to attend the more popular programs.

We have received great feedback on the in-house events. I think the members like that the prices are so affordable and they are held during the day. Again, I want to thank Maryann for taking on the entertainment aspect of these events.

The Fried Chicken Dinner is sold out. It sold out on Monday.

The Italian Celebration tickets are on sale. They are \$15.00 apiece. It's a full Italian meal with entertainment.

In November we will be running a stuff your own baked potato event. Members will stuff their own baked potato with a variety of toppings, enjoy mulled cider and other beverages, a fall type dessert, and trivia with prizes!

Also, in November we will be hosting a Fall Harvest Tea. All proceeds will be going to Southington Community Services. We will be partnering with other local organizations for this. Our teas are always very popular!

December 3rd will be our Holiday party at the Aqua Turf Club. A ticket price has not been determined.

Liz thanked the volunteers for the welcome desk. We have the welcome desk two times a week that will help new members fill out paper work, get a tour or ask questions.

Liz said we are always looking for volunteers, especially for the inhouse events. You can contact her anytime and she will add you to the list. She will email you when she is looking for help.

The Calvanese Foundation is putting on a Thanksgiving dinner at the Aqua Turf for veterans. This is a free dinner for veterans and three guests. You need to sign up in advance and can sign up with Liz. This runs from 12:00 noon to 2:30 p.m.

Unfinished Business

Technical Help – Mark White spoke about the history of the Computer Lab and how it has evolved. With today's advances in technology, we need to know what areas you need help. Mark asked members to put suggestions in the suggestion box for anything you need help with.

Mark said over time the number of people teaching in the lab has reduced and right now there are three people that are active in the lab. If you, or someone you know, with a technical background, could come into the computer lab and talk with us about volunteering to help.

New Business

Suggestion Box – Denise Roy said she did get some new suggestions and will go over them quickly.

There was a suggestion for Tai Chi. We got this in the past. It was explored and found to be very expensive. Dawn said she applied for a grant but it was denied. An instructor could be up to \$80.00 an hour.

We got a suggestion for a bible study. Dawn said she is looking into that and has contacted other senior centers to see how they are handling it.

We got a suggestion for ball room dancing. We will look into that.

We got a suggestion to change the seating situation in the lunch room. This one is not clear as to why, is there an issue or what they are looking for.

We got a suggestion to get the Newsletter here earlier and become more of an IT source center. The Newsletter is printed outside and is out of our control, however Liz sends out every week a weekly update and a lot of information can be obtained there. The last part of the suggestion is more of an IT source center. She is not sure what that really means.

Denise said at the last meeting she would give an update on the suggestions implemented. We have implemented about 40% of the suggestions. For example, we implemented a movie day which will resume when the colder months sets in. We got a nurse to replace the nurse for foot care. We corrected the raised electrical outlets in the card room. We approved increasing the payout for Bingo. Some of the things we haven't implemented are things that are out of our control or we do not have access to the right people to teach a class such as a 35mm photography class or Instagram.

If anybody wants to see a complete list let me know and I can post it. We are taking your suggestions seriously.

General Good And Welfare of the Association – Denise asked if anyone had anything for General Good and Welfare. There were none.

Announcements

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

Next Calendar House Membership meeting: Thursday, November 19, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at Calendar House.

Entertainment Today – Ashly Cruz

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 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Paul Lundie, Secretary