

CHCA Meeting Final Minutes
September 2025 - Approved 10/14/2025

1. **Attendance** – Leslie Caruso, Matt McKeegan, Alan Miroslaw, Mary Ann Ogle, Missy Rouse
2. **Review /Approve Prior Month's Minutes** – Mary Ann motion, Alan second, passed.
3. **Dementia Awareness Presentation – Central Ohio Chapter Alzheimer's Association.**
 - Missy Rouse, R.N. led a discussion about the Central Ohio Chapter Alzheimer's Association ("COCAA"); the organization is focused on community outreach, offering three core services:
 - Care Consultation
 - Education
 - Support Groups

The Alzheimer's Association has six Chapters of in Ohio; Missy manages the Central Ohio chapter, which serves the residents of Franklin County. Missy explained that dementia is an umbrella term for memory loss; that there are different types of dementia, with 70% of dementia cases attributed to Alzheimer's. One of COCAA's primary goals is to help families connect with resources to assist in preparing for the future. Additionally, COCAA provides information on risk factors, early warning signs, how to communicate with someone who has dementia, and how to connect with a support group (there are currently 16 support groups existing in Central Ohio). Missy provided some of the organization's brochures that detail the services that COCAA offers, as well as noting that there is a 24/7 helpline and a website (Proseniors.org) that provides various documents and forms to help seniors.

4. **Treasurer's Report**
 - **Membership Drive Results to Date**
 - Matt sent the P&L reports and reconciliation forms for the CHCA accounts (Checking, and Money Market Savings) for August 2025. The account balances are Checking ~\$1,652, Money Market Savings ~\$20,609, and Savings ~\$501. This represents an increase in balances from July 2025 of \$131.00.
 - Matt noted 2025 year-to-date Membership Dues income of \$5,700 continues to compare negatively to year-to-date 2024 Membership Dues income of \$7,600. This decline is attributed to reductions in contributions per household, but more significantly, a downturn in overall participation rates. As of 8.31.25, participation was at 25%, compared to 30% Year over Year, which is a troubling trend.
 - Regarding Membership Dues, Matt said he is still considering writing a midyear Treasurer's report that provides a breakout of participation rates per district, to provide heightened awareness.
5. **New Business/Upcoming Events**
 - **Halloween Pumpkin Party/Patch**
 - Brittany had emailed the CHCA officers to advise that she was going to be ordering supplies for the Halloween Party. Alan stated that he had posted for a Halloween Party Cochair and had gotten one inquiry, but there is still no volunteer for a co-chair role. Alan will continue to post the volunteer opportunity.

- Leslie asked if Cynthia MacKenzie was set to provide the pumpkins for the Pumpkin Patch; Alan confirmed that Cynthia was going to be providing the pumpkins and no further action was needed from CHCA.
- **Halloween Decorating Contest**
 - Alan confirmed that Dave Nadolny will Chair the 2025 the Halloween Decorating Contest.
- **Officer Nominations/Applications**
 - Leslie noted that elections are in November for CHCA officers, and that perhaps there could be a Facebook post to remind residents of this volunteer opportunity.

6. September Courier

- Chris was unable to attend the meeting; prior to the August meeting, Chris had noted that he would be working on the Courier.

7. Public Comments

- Matt reported on his investigation of liability insurance. It appears that there hasn't been a liability insurance policy for at least 10 years, due to the prohibitive cost, the limited fund balances of the civic association and the infrequency of CHCA sponsored events. Matt is going to look into the potential costs of event coverage and will report his findings.

8. Adjourn – Mary Ann motion, Matt second.