



## Annual Meeting

You, as a dues paying member, are invited to join the Yellow Springs Senior Center Annual Meeting. Refreshments will be served, please come to learn about the plans for a new facility.

**Date:** Wednesday, June 26, 2024

**Time:** 5:00 PM

**Place:** YSSC Great Room and on Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83584050651>

### Annual Meeting Agenda:

- I. Welcome and Call to Order—Wayne Gulden, President
- II. Minutes from the Annual Meeting of June 29, 2023—Anna Bellisari, Secretary (vote)
- III. Fundraising Report—Linda Scutt, Fund Development Committee Chair
- IV. Finance Report—Jerry Sutton, Treasurer
- V. President Remarks—Wayne Gulden
  - a. Bylaw revision (vote)
- VI. Executive Director Remarks — Caroline Mullin
  - a. Presentation of concepts for new facility
- VII. Board Development Report—Diane Chiddister, Board Development Committee Chair
  - a. Recognition of Outgoing Board Members
  - b. Introduction and Presentation by Board of Trustee Nominees (vote) and Officers (vote)
  - c. Election of Board of Trustees and Officers
- VIII. Closing

### Nominees up for Election to the YSSC Board of Trustees:

**Sue Augustus (First term 2024 – 2027)** is an attorney who's worked primarily for non-profit organizations, and has also served on several non-profit boards. In 1985 she helped found the first shelter for women who were homeless in Chicago, becoming the first board president of that organization. She also served on the board of the Chicago Jobs Council, which advocates for employment and training for unemployed and underemployed individuals, and Inner Voice, which provides training and housing for un-housed veterans and returning citizens. When she and her partner moved to Yellow Springs, they began volunteering in several local nonprofits, including the Glen Helen Association, the Women's Garden and the Second Harvest Food Bank. She's also on the advisory board of Agraria.

**Shelly Blackman (First Term 2024 – 2027)** was born and raised in Yellow Springs before moving to California as a young man, then moving back to care for his aging parents. His mother remains an active Senior Center participant. Shelly has deep roots in the village, as his great grandparents, Jackson and Kitty Brooks, moved here in the late 1800s to work for Edwin Kelley, who founded Kelley Tires, moved to YS and named Whitehall Farm. Kelley's daughter, Martha Rankin, later sold land to the DeWine family, including the pond and small house next to it that Ed Kelley built for Jack and Kitty to live in, where they raised their seven children, including Shelly's grandmother, Martha. Shelly's father grew up in Yellow Springs and owned two local businesses, the Party Pantry and Shelly's, the first tenant in the newly developed King's Yard flagship space that later housed Rita Caz. Locally, Shelly is a realtor who founded the Shelly Blackman Group. He's also served on two non-profit boards, the Yellow Springs Development Corporation, or YSDC, and the Miami Valley Public Media board.

**Velda Martin (First renewed term 2024 – 2027)** has previously been a member of the Senior Center board, contributing to the financial oversight of the Center by serving on the finance committee. She's had an active career as a realtor in the Dayton area and also has been chairperson of her local church, where she spearheaded successful initiatives benefiting the congregation and the wider community. She holds a Master's degree in Management and Information Systems. She's committed to creating engaging and inclusive events that promote socialization and wellbeing among local seniors. Velda is eager to lend her skills and experience to the board, ensuring that the Center remains a vibrant hub of support for our older community.

**Slate of Officers to be elected:**

**President:** Jerry Sutton; **Vice-President:** Velda Martin; **Secretary:** Diane Chiddister; **Treasurer:** Berch Carpenter

**Suggested revision to Bylaws of YSSC:** Amended Wording is in **BOLD and underlined**

**ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1. Membership Qualifications**

Membership in the Center (“The Membership”) shall be open to persons of any age who support its purposes. A person becomes a Member of the Center (“Member”) upon payment of annual dues, **or by donating funds to the Center’s operations (not Capital Campaigns) of an amount greater than the current dues. Tax exemption allowable amounts would be reduced by the amount applied to dues payments, as annual dues are not eligible for income tax exemption.** Member status is maintained during each calendar year in which dues are paid. **All memberships renew in January. Free or reduced membership is available as determined appropriate by the Center’s Support Services Manager.**

**Minutes of 2023 Annual Meeting**

**Yellow Springs Senior Center’s Annual Meeting June 29, 2023**

Board members present were Wayne Gulden, Diane Chiddister, Anna Bellisari, Ven Adkins, Susan Alberter, Chris Cox, and Linda Scutt. Jim Johnson was absent. Also in attendance: Caroline Mullin, Executive Director, and Jerry Sutton, nominee for the position of Board member and Treasurer.

**Call to Order:** President Wayne Gulden called the annual meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** June 22, 2022, Annual Meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

**Fundraising Report:** Chair Anna Bellisari thanked committee members Linda Scutt, Pam Geisel, and Caroline Mullin and reported that the following 2022 fundraising projects raised more than \$14,000: Garden Dinner Party, EBTH auction, Ohio prehistory tours, quilt raffle. In addition, the Patio Fund raised \$12,921, and the Annual Appeal conducted by Senior Center staff raised \$49,062.

**Finance Report:** Pro-tem Treasurer Wayne Gulden’s reported 2022 total revenues of \$456,376 and expenses of \$459,346.90. GCCOA support, the Homemaker program and the Annual Appeal accounted for more than half of all income. The largest portion of expenses was for payroll and benefits.

**President’s Remarks:** Wayne Gulden thanked all volunteers and staff for their fine work during the year of recovery from the covid setback and gave special recognition to Executive Director Caroline Mullin for expertly leading the recovery.

**Executive Director Remarks:** ED Caroline Mullin reported results of surveys conducted in Yellow Springs and Miami Township. Among the many findings, transportation to the Senior Center and parking in the area appear not to be barriers to attendance and participation in programs and activities. Miami Township has a total population of 5,043, with Yellow Springs accounting for 3,744 residents. Of the Miami Township population, 1223 (24.3%) are seniors over the age of 65, and 224 seniors over the age of 85 live in the village. In Miami Township 37% of seniors over age 65 live alone, and 9.8% live in poverty. Caroline also presented a brief history of the Yellow Springs Senior Center, based on documents and photographs collected over the years.

**Board Development Report:** Chair Diane Chiddister recognized outgoing two-term Board member Cathy Hill. Diane presented nominees to the Board (Susan Alberter for a second 3-year term, Jim Johnson for his first 3-year term, and Jerry Sutton also for his first 3-year term).

**Motion to elect Susan Alberter, Jim Johnson, and Jerry Sutton to the Board of Trustees was passed (Chiddister/Cox).**

**Motion to elect Board officers President Wayne Gulden; Vice-President Diane Chiddister, Secretary Anna Bellisari, and Treasurer Jerry Sutton was passed (Diamond/Alberter).**

During a short Q&A session it was suggested that meals in the Senior Center, possibly with speaker, be started again. Another suggestion was to initiate a Game Night.

**Closing:** the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm

Anna Bellisari, Secretary