

Connections General Meeting
September 15, 2025
Attendance: 78
Zoom Attendance: 3
Recorder: Linda Bakian

Marianne Siccardi opened the meeting and asked everyone to please sign in.

- The yearly dues will be increased from \$50 to \$60. This is because the church changed insurance companies and we had to pay for what was no longer covered. The deadline for paying dues December 1.
- The yearly audit done each September is in progress.
- An activity leader is needed to send email birthday wishes to members who would like to receive them. It involves sending emails once a month using Jackie Lawson Cards. Carol Maloney volunteered.

Membership: Sue Steele

- There are 251 members.

Treasurer's Report: Lee Atieh

- There was no additional income in July and August, and the largest expense was for insurance. The beginning balance was \$17,385 and the ending \$16,314.

Activity Leaders

- Janet Daly: Walking Group
 - In September, the Monday walking group will continue to meet at 8:30, at the Duck Pond. The time will change in October.
- Denise Santora Mosher: Luncheon
 - The next luncheon is on Wednesday, September 24, at Finos. The deadline for signing up is tomorrow. A check can be dropped off at her house.
 - The October luncheon will be at Mado, on the 16th of the month. The cost is \$45.00.
 - Restaurants have increased the price of luncheons for several reasons including the cost of food, and the requirement of extra staff. The lunches can be thought of as dinners since there are multiple courses.
- Linda Brophy: Book Group 7
 - Six members came to the last meeting, and there's room if anyone wants to join a book group. The next book is *Exiles* by Christine Baker Kline. The group meets in the church library.
- Brenda Brunelle
 - Zoom Book Group
 - The group meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7pm. and the next meeting is on September 25. The book is *The Night Out*.
 - Opera Group
 - The group will meet at the AMC Theater at the Garden State Plaza. The next opera is *La Sonnambula* on October 18, at 1pm.

- Sue Robertson: Hiking Group
 - The September 23 hike will start at the Alpine Boat Basin.
 - The October hikes are on the 14th and 18th of the month at 9am.
- Margie Rightmyer: Strollers
 - The Strollers meet at the Duck Pond Pavillion on Thursdays, at 3:30.
- Donna Singer
 - Canasta
 - This is a popular activity. It's important to let Donna know if you're coming so she can plan for the tables.
 - Cooking Group
 - Nothing is planned for September or October.
 - Suggestions for the next theme luncheons would be appreciated.
- Diane Paoli: Trip Committee
 - There are four openings for the December 13 Rockefeller Center trip.
 - The October 26 trip to see *Just in Time* is filled but if you're on the waiting list, leave the date open.

Activity: Bingo