

City of Shelton
Shelton Senior Center
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**Meeting Minutes
Shelton Senior Committee**

November 8, 2016

The November 8, 2016 Meeting of the Shelton Senior Committee was called to order by Walter Oko, Chairman, at 4:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Shelton Senior Center. The pledge was recited by all present.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Walter Oko-Chairman
William Smarz-Co-Chairman
Roberta Sutkowski-Secretary
Judson Crawford-Treasurer
Margaret Keane

Also Attending:

Doreen Laucella
Marilyn Terlaga
Gerry Janofsky
Jim Kelly

Absent:

Jill Bruno
Cheryl Dziubina

Walter Oko asked for a moment of silence in honor of Jim Martin, a former member of the Committee who passed. He praised Jim for his dedicated time and work while a member of the Committee

PUBLIC PORTION

None

MINUTES:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JUDSON CRAWFORD TO ACCEPT THE OCTOBER 11, 2016 SENIOR COMMITTEE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. WILLIAM SMARZ SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

The Committee Treasurer's report for the month ending October 31, 2016 was read by Judson Crawford reporting a beginning balance of \$20,874.09. Receipts of \$350.38. 0 disbursements, leaving an ending balance of \$21,224.47. Added to the four CD's total \$46,818.08, leaves a total balance in all accounts of \$68,042.55.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERTA SUTKOWSKI TO ACCEPT THE SENIOR COMMITTEE OCTOBER TREASURER'S REPORT. WILLIAM SMARZ SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

The Committee discussed in detail how to disburse the CD's so they come due every three months. It was decided to have Judson cash in the two CDs coming due in November and re-invest them so that one comes up for renewal in March and the second one in June.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERTA SUTKOWSKI TO ALLOW JUDSON CRAWFORD CASH IN THE CDS COMING DUE ON NOV. 24TH AND 25TH. JUDSON WILL REINVEST THEM SO THEY COME DUE IN MARCH AND JUNE. MARGARET KEANE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

The Membership Treasurer's report for the month of October was read by Gerry Janofsky reporting a beginning balance of \$12,770.86. Receipts of \$1,612. Disbursement of \$1,477.47 leaving an ending balance of \$12,905.39. Together with the Memorial Fund \$2,167.20 and the Business Value Account \$1,621.29 the total account balance in all accounts is \$16,693.88. The four CD's total 20,616.08 added to the account balances the total in all accounts is \$37,309.96.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY WILLIAM SMARZ TO ACCEPT THE MEMBERSHIP'S OCTOBER TREASURER'S REPORT. MARGARET KEANE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

Gerry commented on the wonderful job done by the craft club raising monies for Valley Goes Pink. He thanked Margaret Keane for her hard work and dedication to the event. A check for \$380 was given to Griffin Hospital's Valley Goes Pink campaign.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Doreen and Marge attended the "VALLEY GOES PINK" event at Griffin Hospital. Doreen also praised Marge for doing a wonderful job and expressed her gratitude to Marge.

Doreen told the Committee that she had to let Vinnie Carr, the musician go. There were some issues at the Halloween Party where he was being abrasive and rude, saying inappropriate things about members over the microphone at the event. Doreen felt this was very inappropriate and that members shouldn't be treated this way at their events. There was some discussion regarding if he would still play the Riverwalk dances. She put the decision to the Committee. There will be more discussion on entertainment at the next meeting. Doreen has some leads on other entertainers. Marge suggested having Doreen call George Ryan and explain the situation and see how he feels. Doreen stated Mr. Ryan started the dances but the Senior Center is in charge of setting up the program each summer. She feels there is no need to get permission from Mr. Ryan. There is nothing in writing that Vinnie Carr has to play at the dances. The Committee stated it will stand by Doreen's decision.

Doreen brought the new striping of the parking lot to the attention of the Committee. She also pointed out the new car in the parking lot for the Center. She is very pleased with both.

The 47th Anniversary party will be held on Feb. 24th. There will be no Valentine's party this year.

Doreen reported on her research for the boards for the tap dancing. Trumbull uses 4 x 8, 1/8" thin laminate boards. They are light and very movable. She feels two or four would be enough. The cost of the boards is \$8.99. Mr. Oko suggested taking the woman to Trumbull to try them out to make sure she likes them.

The Ceramic teacher is coming for about 2 hours once a month. Doreen is still looking for a new instructor.

The Veteran's Party has sold out. There will be 175 people attending.

Walter Oko suggested the Committee do something for Rene Caise for all the volunteering he does for entertainment for events. He stated members have told him how much they enjoy him. Members state he does not want any compensation. He volunteers because he enjoys it and he wants too. It was suggested maybe donate to something in his name. Margaret Keane will look into the suggestion.

Doreen also reported that membership is growing. There are 4053 members registered at the Center. 372 people have joined in the past year. It is an average of one member per day.

Doreen told the Committee that the yearly audit is due to City Hall tomorrow.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY WILLIAM SMARZ TO ACCEPT THE OCTOBER DIRECTOR'S REPORT AS PRESENTED. MARGARET KEANE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS:

Open Positions:

Marilyn Terlaga has a meeting with the Mayor. The Committee is hoping she will be appointed a Committee member.

AARP:

Doreen spoke with the AARP representative and they won't come to service only seniors at the Center. They insist it be open to the general public. The Committee wants them to service members and Shelton seniors.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERTA SUTKOWSKI TO NOT ALLOW AARP TO USE THE CENTER FOR TAX SERVICES FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC. WILLIAM SMARZ SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS:

Projector for movies: Doreen was looking into showing movies on Fridays using a projector. After doing some research Doreen felt there is too much maintenance to them and to use them and all the lights and shades need to be turned down. She feels if they purchase a TV they can use it to stream movies but also use it to showcase the newsletter

and advertise events at the Center. They could also show news events. Walter thought that Doreen is putting a lot on her plate. Doreen felt it would be good on Friday afternoons. She stated three Friday's a month it is quite at the Center. They are looking at a 70" smart TV. Doreen is going do some more research on both options with Rene Caise. She will report to the Committee with her findings next month.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARGARET KEANE TO MAKE A \$50 DONATION TO THE 100 CLUB IN MEMORY OF JIM MARTIN. ROBERTA SUTKOWSKI SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

There was a discussion held regarding the Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by the Boy's and Girl's Club. The club can afford to pay for 100 dinners. Doreen feels that the Center could accommodate 150 people. Mr. Oko felt that things are improving at the Center and that the Committee could give back in good will to the event. He asked Doreen how many people signed up were members. Doreen felt that more than half were members. It was proposed that the Committee pay for 50 dinners and give the Boy's and Girl's Club a \$200 donation.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERTA SUTKOWSKI TO PAY FOR 50 DINNERS FOR THE BOY'S AND GIRL'S CLUB'S THANKSGIVING DINNER AND TO GIVE THEN A \$200 DONATION. MARGARET KEANE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

Some discussion regarding the growth of the membership and how many members the Center can accommodate. The topic will be put on the agenda for next month. Trimming the burning bush at the back of the patio was discussed. Walter stated he went outside and measured the bushes. He stated they should be trimmed so that they are seven feet high. He would also like the rose bushes cleaned out of the burning bushes. The Committee is going to get a quote from Allison Menendez.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARGARET KEANE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:00 P.M. ROBERTA SUTKOWSKI SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

Attested to: *Corie Blanck* Date: 11/9/16