

City of Shelton
Shelton Senior Center
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Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2019

The April 9, 2019 meeting of the Shelton Senior Committee was called to order by Walter Oko, Chairman, at 3:30 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
Jill Bruno - Vice-Chairman
Judson Crawford - Treasurer
Roberta Sutkowski - Secretary
Barbara Hayslip
Margaret Keane
Marilyn Terlaga

Also Attending

Doreen Laucella
Gerry Janofsky
Mario Bonetti

Absent

Cheryl Dziubina

The Committee wished Walter Oko a Happy 80th Birthday with a song and cake.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mario Bonetti addressed the Committee regarding having absentee ballots available for the Membership Committee elections. Doreen explained that there would be absentee ballots. They will be available on May 3 thru May 9. The election day will be on May 10. Mario thanked the committee.

MINUTES:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JUDSON CRAWFORD TO ACCEPT THE MARCH MINUTES OF THE SHELTON SENIOR COMMITTEE. MARGARET KEANE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

TREASURER'S REPORTS:

Judson Crawford read the report for the month ending March 31, 2019. Judson reported a balance forward of \$11,495.26, receipts of \$ 487.70, disbursements \$106. leaving an ending balance of \$11,876.96. The four CD's total 59,987.19 added to the \$11,876.96 leaves a total balance in all accounts of \$71,864.15.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JILL BRUNO TO ACCEPT THE MARCH COMMITTEE TREASURER'S REPORT. MARILYN TERLAGA SECONDED.

Gerry Janofsky read the treasurer's report for the month ending March 31, 2019. He reported a balance forward of \$21,854.04, receipts of \$2,205. disbursements \$2,584.49 leaving a balance in the checking account of 21,474.55. Added to the Memorial Fund Checking, \$1959.08 and the four CD's, \$32,846.50 the total amount in all accounts is \$56,280.13.

Jerry reported balances from the 50/50 raffles in special accounts. \$505. dedicated to Walkway and \$553. to the New Parking Lot accounts.

Gerry noted that the receipts for the casino bus trip have not been deposited yet.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BARBARA HAYSLIP TO ACCEPT THE MEMBERSHIP TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH AS READ. ROBERTA SUTKOWSKI SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Doreen discussed the plans for absentee ballots and asked the Committee to volunteer to monitor the election on May 10th. The Committee members signed up for times and volunteered to be there at 4:00 pm to count the ballots. The ballots and the absentee ballots will be counted then verified by two different parties.
- Doreen stated that Bingo is scheduled for May 3rd.
- The Spring Fling is sold out with 180 members signed up. There is a waiting list.
- The Giggling Pig will have a painting class at the Center.
- Doreen spoke to the chorus and they all agreed to pay for the instructor. David the instructor was opposed to the plan. Doreen told him she would ask for an increase for him in next year's budget. Discussion regarding having a 50/50 raffle at the concerts with the proceeds going to David or charging \$5 at a musical event and having the net proceeds go to him took place.
- There was discussion regarding increasing the pay of the exercise instructors. Doreen canvassed other senior centers and found our pay rate to be in the middle. The Committee felt that raising their pay to \$45 per class was reasonable at this time.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JILL BRUNO TO AUTHORIZE DOREEN TO INCREASE THE RATE OF PAY FOR THE STRENGTH TRAINING INSTRUCTOR AND THE MOVE IT WITH DARLENE INSTRUCTOR TO \$45 PER CLASS AS OF JULY 1ST WITH THE AWARENESS THAT IT MAY INCREASE THE RATE PER EACH PARTICIPANT. ROBERTA SUTKOWSKI SECONDED. MOTION PASSED. (ONE NO VOTE)

- It was brought to Doreen's attention that a member was signed up for the strength training class for two different times. This brought on a dispute between two members. Doreen brought both members into her office for discussion and resolved the issue. The member will take the 9:00 am class and will not pay for the next session sign up.
- Doreen told the Committee that the Police parking lot had been cleaned up. The Center gained about 15 spaces. She is not sure what the Mayor has planned for the new parking lot. Walter asked what Doreen felt the Mayor's feeling were on the parking lot. She thought pretty good. He stated her prices for clearing the lot were better than he could do having the City clear the lot. Until she heard of the shortage of funds; she was feeling good about it now she is not sure. At the present time it is on hold. She did present it at the budget meeting with the Board of Alderman. She also put them on notice that she will be asking for full-time help next year. She can not run the Center correctly without a full-time person that can fill in for her so she can attend meeting and events outside the Center that she should be attending on behalf of the seniors of Shelton.
- Doreen is attending a dinner at Stone Barn tonight. She is going to see if they can handle 250 people for the 50th Anniversary party. She will bring information back to the next meeting.
- Ticket sales were discussed. The thought is that one member can purchase tickets for a table if they have the membership cards and the payment. Doreen stated that Gina is very good at placing members. She knows where they like to sit. Doreen feels this will eliminate the crowd in the lobby on the first day

of ticket sales. It will also eliminate the frustration for the members and help the girls working the desk. Walter stated the bulletin will have to be reworded.

- The Volunteer brunch will be held on June 21.
- After speaking with Chris Potucek about the curbs and handicap ramps Doreen told the Committee they will not be addressed at this time.
- The heat shield has been installed. It was paid for by the city. It is making a tremendous difference in the temperature in the lobby.
- The chorus for members with Dementia or Alzheimer will not be using the Center. Doreen doesn't have an empty room to give them to use.
- A sympathy gift in memory of William Smarz will be sent to A-T Children's Project in the amount of \$50.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JUDSON CRAWFORD TO ACCEPT THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT. MARYLYN TERLAGA SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JILL BRUNO TO TABLE THE PARKING LOT LIGHTS AND THE DISCUSSION OF CITY & UI LIGHTING ON WHEELER STREET UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING. ROBERTA SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS: (Omitted Item)

The revised paperwork for the AARP Memorandum of Agreement was passed out for the Committee to review. One correction was made to change the wording Commission was changed to Committee.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JILL BRUNO TO AGREE TO THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH SHELTON CHAPTER #3240 OF AARP INC AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTOR TO SIGN SAID AGREEMENT. BARBARA HAYSLIP SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS:

Walter Oko suggested to the Committee that a new Vice Chairman needed to be appointed. Roberta Sutkowski nominated Jill Bruno for Vice-President. Marylyn Terlaga seconded. Jill Bruno accepted the nomination. A vote was taken and Jill was voted Vice - President.

Walter Oko asked that Out of Town membership be put on a future agenda. The Committee asked for the number of out of town membership. They will decide if the out of town membership should be opened to more than 200 members. Doreen commented that out of town members had until March 1 to renew their membership. Now that the deadline has passed the new count will be calculated. She will inform the Committee as soon as she gets the new figures.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JUSDON CRAWFORD TO ADJOURN AT 5:30 PM. BARBARA HAYSLIP SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

Attested to: Corie Blanch Date: 4/9/2019