

City of Shelton  
Shelton Senior Center  
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Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2019

The June 11, 2019 special meeting of the Shelton Senior Committee was called to order by Walter Oko, Chairman, at 3:35 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  
Roberta Sutkowski – Secretary  
Barbara Hayslip  
Margaret Keane  
Marilyn Terlaga

**Also Attending**

Doreen Laucella  
Gerry Janofsky

**Absent**

Judson Crawford – Treasurer (Excused Absence)  
Cheryl Dziubina

**MINUTES:**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARGARET KEANE TO ACCEPT THE MAY MINUTES OF THE SHELTON SENIOR COMMITTEE. MARILYN TERLAGA SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.**

**TREASURER’S REPORTS:**

Corie Blanck read the report for the month ending May 31, 2019. The reported balance forward was, \$12,203.96 receipts of \$ 75.40, disbursements \$127.41. leaving an ending balance of \$12,151.95. The four CD’s total 60,211.86 added to the \$12,151.95 leaves a total balance in all accounts of \$72,363.81.

(Walter Oko made a suggestion to Judson Crawford that he add another column with the original amount invested when the CD’s were purchased.) This suggestion was recommended at the previous meeting.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY JILL BRUNO TO ACCEPT THE MAY COMMITTEE TREASURER’S REPORT AS READ. ROBERTA SUTKOWSKI SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.**

Gerry Janofsky read the treasurer’s report for the month ending May 31, 2019. He reported a balance forward of \$19,962.14 receipts of \$4,472.50. disbursements \$3,154.65 leaving a balance in the checking account of \$21,279.99. Added to the Memorial Fund Checking, \$1,959.08 and the four CD’s, \$32,971.15 the total amount in all accounts is \$56,210.22.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARGARET KEANE TO ACCEPT THE MEMBERSHIP TREASURER’S REPORT FOR MAY AS READ. BARBARA HAYSLIP SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.**

Gerry read the names of the students who won the scholarships. Nadin Sayoufi won \$1000. Kevin Belden won \$750. And Colin Mengold won \$250.

Jill Bruno asked if the Casino trips always at least break even. Gerry reported the trips always make money. Usually around \$200.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- Doreen told the Committee that Betty Goddard, Barb Aubin and herself were researching information regarding a new Bingo machine. Doreen contacted the Geek squad to see if the machine could be connected by Bluetooth to the TV in the lunch room. If possible, Doreen stated she could have 200 people for Bingo. The cost of the system is \$6,544., it consists of a new board, gaming machine and a set of Bingo balls. The present system is very old. It is from the 90's. The machine is used 3 times a week.  
Doreen stated she is not stalling on purchasing the system. she wants to wait until she hears from the Geek Squad to see if they can hook the system up with the Bluetooth. She stated no one at the Center has the knowledge to hook it up. The next nighttime Bingo will take place on July 28. The entrance fee is \$5 and it includes 14 games with 6 cards each. The games last about 2.5 hours. The bingo night also has 3 specials which cost \$3. each.
- Doreen was involved on the interview panel for the new Director of the Derby Senior Center. There were 18 candidates. She was asked to correlate questions for the next round of interviews. Doreen was asked if she was interested in the position and Milford called her to see if she was interested in a position. Doreen stated she is very happy where she is.
- The Karaoke show did not go over that well. Doreen felt she wouldn't do it again. The people attending did like the food.
- Doreen felt that the Father's Day party should be called something else next year. She asked some members if they were going and they told her they weren't fathers. Walter stated that he is a father and felt it should be kept as Father's Day. It was mentioned that the Mother's Day party is still held. Doreen thought that not as many tickets were sold but, Roberta stated that it was sold out. She bought the last three tickets.
- Doreen is very pleased with the Meet & Greet Senior Singles Social group. About 25 people come to the socials. The participants in the group are very happy with the program.
- Low Impact Exercise classes are going very well and that there seems to be a need for them at the Center.
- Doreen stated she is working on getting a hypnotist for entertainment. She will give more information when she gets it.
- Doreen has been asked why she can't run all the trips. She explained that if she runs a trip she has to guarantee them so many people. If she buys tickets for the theatre she has to buy them in a block either 25 or 50. They also have to pay ahead of time for the tickets. The bus cost about \$900. each way. Jill felt it is not in Doreen's best interest. She feels that Doreen would end up being a ticket agent as well as having to plan the trip. Get a Way tours is the only company that has a no minimum tour. The issue is that the bus stops at more than one place and it can take a long time. The staff informs members who are going on a Get Away Tour that the bus will be stopping at other places and it could take a longer time.
- Margaret Keane asked if the Center could buy a small bus that they could take small groups of people to a play, bowling, a pool tournament or other venues. Doreen stated that Valley Transit is selling small busses. Derby's mayor is purchasing one for their Senior Center. Doreen asked the Committee if they would be interested in purchasing one. The cost is between \$5000. to \$8000. and the busses have about 140,000 miles on them. Liability issues were discussed. Doreen talk to the Mayor. The offer won't last very long. Walter stated that other groups received the funds to purchase through grants.

Marilyn Terлага stated that you may get too many people wanting to go on the trips thinking that it is a good deal to go on the smaller bus.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY JILL BRUNO TO AUTHORIZE DOREEN TO TALK TO THE MAYOR AND DO THE RESEARCH REQUIRED SHOULD THE SENIOR CENTER PURCHASE AN 18 PASSENGER BUS FROM VALLEY TRANSIT FOR SMALL GROUP TRIPS. MARILYN TERLAGA SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.**

- Barb Hayslip asked if people were not going on the trips because of the extended time it takes when picking up people from other places. Doreen stated that not really. People complain but they still go.
- Doreen stated the Band & Color Guard is going to use the Center to blow up the balloons for their fundraiser Wednesday, June 12.
- The Center now has 168 out of town members. Doreen will now allow 32 more out of town members to register to bring the total to 200.
- Discussion took place regarding the Anniversary Party. The Mayor asked Doreen why she is not planning it at the Senior Center. Doreen has gotten some prices from Stone Barn. Stone Barn can accommodate 250 people and has good parking. Having the party at the Center will end up with the volunteers working instead of enjoying themselves and the clean up would still have to take place. The Committee wants the party to take place at Stone Barn. Doreen is going to reserve the place. Jill Bruno stated that maybe the Center could promote the Anniversary of the Center in town. It could be a series of activities having a different activity every day. Having it at the Riverwalk under tents was discussed. But controlling who will attend if you have it there it could be a problem.
- The Youth Service Bureau held their award ceremony at the Senior Center. Doreen was given an Award. Doreen was working in the kitchen when they called her out for her award. She was very surprised.
- The Mayor talked to Doreen. He told her he knows the parking lot is a big issue. But she said he is not going to do it this year. She stated that Walter should talk to him in a few months after the budgets are set and things cool down.
- Walter Oko spoke to the chair of the Alderman and asked if the Center could pay for the parking lot themselves. It didn't go over as well when Walter stated that they would only lose the recognition when it is noted that the Center paid for their own parking lot.
- The exercise instructor (Bobby-strength training) will get her increase in September. New registration will start in August with a new price and the new session will start after Labor Day. Move it With Darlene will not go up in price. Darlene did not want a raise. She feels her pay rate is very fair. If not enough members join the strength training class because of the increase in price then Doreen will have to cancel one of the classes.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY JILL BRUNO TO ACCEPT THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT. BARBARA HAYSLIP SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Cheryl was absent so the lighting issues will be added to the next agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Amendments to by-laws – Walter Oko reviewed the by-laws and stated that regarding the duality clause it has restrictions on when it can be used. He feels that no changes are needed.

- Walter Oko stated the new officers of the Membership Council will be inducted this Friday. They will have two ceremonies. One at the Executive Board meeting and then again at the Membership meeting.
- Paperwork regarding the Membership Council by-laws or rules was passed out to the Committee. The paperwork was a draft and the Committee was asked to look it over and give any input. Some suggestions were made. Jill Bruno suggested some changes regarding calling the Director an officer of the Council. She stated that Doreen isn't an officer she is an advisor. She stated the paragraph relating to the director should be by itself. Jill suggested that the document can't demand what the director will do. After a lengthy discussion it was decided the Membership Council's present and new boards will meet and go over the draft. When the draft is ready and accepted by the membership it will be brought to the Committee to review.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARGARET KEANE TO ADJOURN AT 5:40 PM.  
MARILYN TERLAGA SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.**

Attested to: Corie Blanch Date: 6/11/2019