

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

July 11, 2017

The July 11, 2017 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-Vice-Chairman
Roberta Sutkowski-Secretary
Judson Crawford-Treasurer
Jill Bruno
Margaret Keane
Marilyn Terлага

Also Attending:

Doreen Laucella
Gerry Janofsky

Absent:

Cheryl Dziubina

PUBLIC PORTION:

None

MINUTES:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JUDSON CRAWFORD TO ACCEPT THE JUNE MINUTES OF THE SHELTON SENIOR COMMITTEE AS PRESENTED. MARILYN TERLAGA SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

TREASURER'S REPORTS:

The Shelton Senior Committee Treasurer's Report for the month ending June 30, 2017 was read by Judson Crawford reporting a forwarding balance of \$22,124.06. Receipts of \$.53, Disbursements \$250., leaving a balance of \$21,874.59. The four CD's total \$46,937.02 added to the accounts total is \$68,811.61.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERTA SUTKOWSKI TO ACCEPT THE SHELTON SENIOR COMMITTEE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JUNE AS READ. JILL BRUNO SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

The Shelton Senior Membership Treasurer's Report for the month ending June 30, 2017 was read by Gerry Janofsky reporting a forwarding balance of \$18,478.17. Receipts of \$3223.50, Disbursements \$2250.16, leaving a balance of \$19,451.51. Together with the Memorial Fund Checking \$1950.95 and the Business Value Savings \$1621.50 the accounts total \$23,023.96. Added to the CD's \$20,705.69. leaves a total balance of \$43,729.65.

Gerry asked Judson if he had ordered checks recently. Gerry ordered checks and was charged \$27. Previously there was no charge. Gerry will call the bank to question the charge.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARILYN TERLAGA TO ACCEPT THE SHELTON SENIOR MEMBERSHIP TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JUNE AS READ. JILL BRUNO SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Father's Day Barbeque – The Fathers' day barbecue was a success. It was enjoyed by all and was a sold out crowd.

Ice Cream Social – There are only 10 tickets left for the ice cream social. The Sedgwick Sisters will perform at the event.

Cameras - The monitor for the cameras is at the Center. Doreen is waiting for it to be installed in the next week or two.

Kitchen - The lower half of the kitchen has been ordered. Doreen would have liked to order the upper cabinets at the same time so they would match. But they are only allowing the lower half to be redone.

Mayor - Doreen met with the Mayor and had a productive meeting. The rest of her staff did receive a raise. The Mayor told her to go directly to him if she doesn't get a response from him after a reasonable amount of time when she sends requests through his assistant. Doreen gave the Mayor a heads up on the Committee's plans regarding changes to the membership. She gave him the new membership numbers. As of the end of June 52 new members, 38 were Shelton and 14 were out of town. Doreen stated that the revenue from the membership does not sustain the building. She gave her opinion regarding holding off on the increases.

Sign – Doreen discussed the sign and the price with the Mayor. The Mayor did like the sign. The sign will cost \$3350. If Doreen puts it through a voucher through the city for \$1999.99 she does not have to go to bid. Doreen did get some prices from other vendors. She liked the original companies design the best. Doreen is asking the Committee to pay the difference.

T-Shirts – The Senior Center is selling T-shirts for \$15. Tangerine w/black letters or black with orange letters. Doreen told her staff that throughout the summer they will have t-shirt Friday and will wear their t-shirts on Fridays.

Bocce Court – The bocce court is finished. Some seniors have been on the court practicing before the teams begin competing. A scoreboard has been purchased. The teams will start playing soon.

Scholarship - The recipient of the scholarship was coming to the Membership meeting with his grandmother to thank the Membership but the meeting was cancelled. Doreen wanted to get his picture for a press release in the Huntington Herald.

Alaska Trip - Doreen had a seminar for the Alaska Trip. It will begin on September 1. It is travel by cruise, land and train. There are at least 40 people interested. The cost is between \$2800. to \$3800. for a balcony room.

Question - Doreen asked the Committee if she had to hold the Membership meeting if it is cancelled by the Membership. She was advised that she is not responsible for the meetings. If the officers cancel the meeting, it doesn't take place.

Riverwalk – The Riverwalk dances have started. One was held at the Riverwalk and one was held at the Center. If it is too hot and humid or inclement weather Doreen will hold the dance at the Center.

Membership – Since July there has been 11 new Shelton members. The members have responded to the new rule of only 200 out of town residents very well. The current members have been grandfathered in. There will be no new out of town residents registering until the number goes below 200.

Registration – Doreen is working on changing registration to paper registration. Doreen doesn't like what she sees and hears when people are registering. Discussion regarding defining the rules and putting them in writing took place. Doreen mentioned to the Committee that she is going to have to take into consideration when extenuating circumstances occur, such as a death in the family or an illness. Doreen would like non-paid classes to have a four-absence rule.

Out of town residents will have to be sure to renew their registration before the drop off date. If they don't reregister by the April first date they will fall off the membership list and not be able to sign up until the membership is below 200.

Signing up for trips was also discussed. If Out of Town members do not renew their registration on time they may not be able to sign up for trips unless they are allowed as a guest of a member. Trip sign up and class registration will be discussed again at the September meeting.

Judson Crawford asked Doreen if she had a copy of the budget up through May. He shared with the Committee that the funds were short for the part-time line item. A transfer of \$6,600. was made. The finance department did not take into consideration an extra pay period. They made the transfer automatically. Doreen did not know about the shortfall because the budget sheets she is given are never up to date.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JILL BRUNO TO ACCEPT THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR JUNE. MARILYN TERLAGA SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS:

Membership - The staff is working on the list of honorary and distinguished members. They are deleting members that are not registered from the system. The computer program is not able to print the reports the Committee is requesting. They would like to know who is on the list from Out of Town. There was discussion on discontinuing the honorary and distinguished over 80 and a member for 10 years program.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JILL BRUNO TO ELIMINATE THE HONORARY AND DISTINGUISHED FREE MEMBERSHIP FOR MEMBERS OVER 80 WHO HAVE BEEN MEMBERS FOR 10 YEARS FOR BOTH OUT OF TOWN AND SHELTON MEMBERS. ANYONE CHOOSING TO CONTINUE THEIR MEMBERSHIP WILL PAY DUES AT THE RATE OF OUT OF TOWN OR SHELTON DEPENDING ON THEIR MEMBERSHIP TYPE. WILLIAM SMARZ SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

Trips - There was some discussion on trips and who is allowed to sign up for trips. Are members allowed to take a guest? A policy will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JILL BRUNO TO CREATE A CATEGORY OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIP FOR MEMBERSHIP BOARD AND SENIOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS. THEY WILL NOT BE CHARGED MEMBERSHIP DUES. ROBERTA SUTKOWSKI SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

Membership Dues – There was a lively discussion on the price to charge Shelton and Out of Town members. The costs and when to start the change were discussed at length.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JILL BRUNO THAT AS OF JANUARY 1, 2018 THE COST OF MEMBERSHIP FOR SHELTON MEMBERS BE INCREASED TO \$5.00 AND THE COST FOR OUT OF TOWN MEMBERS BE INCREASED TO \$25.00. ROBERTA SUTKOWSKI SECONDED. THREE VOTES FOR YES, THREE VOTES FOR NO. THE CHAIRMAN BROKE THE TIE WITH A YES VOTE. MOTION PASSED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JILL BRUNO TO TABLE ALLISON'S PROPOSALS, LANDSCAPING BY THE SIGN, ENTRANCE TO THE PARKING LOT AND THE LIVING MULCH TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. ROBERTA SUTKOWSKI SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JILL BRUNO TO FUND THE PROPOSAL FOR THE NEW ENTRANCE SIGN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1350.01. ROBERTA SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

Walter Oko discussed forming a committee to help the staff update the list of membership. The Committee would like to know who is out of town. The system that is used for membership is antiquated.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY WILLIAM SMARZ TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:03 P.M. JILL BRUNO SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

Attested to: Corie Blanck Date: 7/12/17