

City of Shelton
Shelton Senior Center
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Shelton Senior Committee
September 10, 2024

The September 10, 2024 meeting of the Shelton Senior Committee was called to order by Walter Oko, Chairman, at 3:05 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 – Co-Chairman
Roberta Sutkowski – Secretary
Scott Savary – Treasurer
Barbara Hayslip
Edna Kerkes

Also Attending:

Doreen Laucella
Jerry Janofsky

Absent:

Diana Barry

PUBLIC PORTION:

None

MINUTES:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BARBARA HAYSLIP TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 9, 2024 SENIOR COMMITTEE MEETING. EDNA KERKES SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

TREASURER’S REPORTS:

Scott Savary presented the treasurer’s report for the month ending August 31, 2024. Scott reported the beginning balance in the checking account totals \$3,691.97. Receipts of \$0., Disbursements \$700. Leaving a balance of \$2,991.97. (\$6,000, of the disbursement was transferred to a money market account) The total in all accounts including two 15-month CD’s, the checking account and the money market account is \$71,270.24.

Scott reported the Committee spent \$556.00 on the TV for the Christmas in July raffle. He also reported that the Committee hasn’t been getting 4% on the money market account. The report comes quarterly if there isn’t any activity in the account. Doreen is going to work with Scott to contact the bank and find out why the % is different. Jill requested the interest rate for the CD’s. Scott reported 4% for both.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BARBARA HAYSLIP TO ACCEPT THE SHELTON SENIOR COMMITTEE TREASURER’S REPORT FOR AUGUST. ROBERTA SUTKOWSKI SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

Gerry Janofsky read the Shelton Membership Treasurer’s reports for the month ending July 31, 2024. The beginning balance was \$9,271.99, receipts \$8,508., disbursements \$1,666.62 leaving an ending balance of \$16,113.37. Added to the Outdoor Improvement Fund \$1,738.43 and the Appreciation Fund \$3,584.02 the total is \$21,435.82. The money market account has \$30,549.59 added to the two CD’s totals \$51,346.79, bringing the total amount in funds to \$72,782.61.

Gerry reported the Christmas in July fair did very well. All the receipts for the month were from the fair.

Gerry read the Shelton Membership Treasurer’s report for the month ending August 31, 2024. The beginning balance was \$16,113.37, receipts \$3,362., disbursements \$0. leaving an ending balance of \$19,734.37. Added to the Outdoor Improvement Fund \$1,738.43 and the Appreciation Fund \$3,584.02 the total is \$25,056.82. The money market account has \$30,549.59 added to the two CD’s totals \$51,346.79, bringing the total amount in funds to \$76,403.61.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JILL BRUNO TO ACCEPT THE SHELTON SENIOR MEMBERSHIP TREASURER’S REPORTS FOR JULY AND AUGUST. ROBERTA

SUTKOWSKI SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Doreen welcomed and thanked all the members for coming after the August break. She stated many new members are still registering at the center. Doreen stated she is seeing many senior citizens and their senior citizen children register at the Center, also sisters and brothers. She stated she likes to meet with every new member to see their needs and interests. Sometimes the Center can't meet someone's needs. There are also members that attend with their caregivers. Shana is also starting to meet the new members. Doreen needs to explain the caregiver's responsibilities and the Bingo rules to the caregivers. She called each and every companion caregiver and explained the procedures, they all understand and she had no problems with them. Doreen did have an issue she had to report as the agent for the Agency on Aging.

The exercise classes are working out well. The new instructors are doing well. A new class called pound class will begin in January. It will be an afternoon class.

Doreen is researching programs for the computers at the Center. She and Shauna will be going to Milford and spend some time with them learning the program that they use, Doreen wants the members to be able to scan in when they come to the Center. She told the Committee that through the program she can identify where members are going in the Center. She wants the system to be able delete members who don't reregister. She also would like the members medical information be in their profile for emergencies. There are some fees to be considered. There is a license fee and a cost for the program. She talked to the IT tech and he thinks the Mayor will be ok with the system and the license. She went to Trumbull and saw their system. She is waiting to go to the Mayor until she has finished her research. It was suggested that she purchase two scanners in case one breaks down. It was also suggested to see what kind of security is on the site.

Doreen will report back at the next meeting.

She reported that the members love the casino trips to New York. The Christmas in July was a huge success. There were over 40 volunteers and the staff. All did a wonderful job and presented a terrific fair. The Ice Cream Social was well received. Senator Kelley will be sponsoring his health fair in September 23, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Doreen said there still might be tables available. Jay, from Strive to Move will have a table.

The 2025 trips will be posted in the beginning of October.

Doreen said she is concerned for the Chorus. They are going to need a new director. Presently there are about 40 members. They are very devoted and love being members. Their fall concert is on October 11 at 1:00 p.m. Barb Hayslip asked who is responsible for what music or themes that are chosen. Doreen stated it is all on the Chorus. They do it together.

Doreen is going to have the Chorus sing at the Veterans's Program this year. It will be held on Friday, November 15. She will be asking the Membership for funds to purchase some flags.

The landscaper is doing a great job. Doreen is very satisfied with him. His fee will be put into the budget next year,

The Halloween party will be held on the 25th of October. She asked for three volunteer judges for the costume categories.

Medicare part D seminar will be on the 29th of October for any members needing help choosing their plan.

Doreen has set up 3 dates for vaccines. October 9th and November 12th and November 26th. The front desk will make appointments. The vaccines offered are shingles, covid, flu, and high dose flu, RSV and pneumonia.

Doreen and Scott will be on a trip the first week of October.

Doreen stated that her attorney called her and he is retiring. She is going to look at his furniture to see if the Center can use it. She said he has a nice conference table which would be nice to replace the one presently in the conference room.

Walter asked for the waiting list of out-of-town members. Doreen will get it for him.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JILL BRUNO TO ACCEPT THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR AUGUST. SCOTT SAVARY SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS:

Status of the appointment of new members. Nothing has been reported. The Committee is still missing two members. Walter encouraged members to have anyone interested send their letter to

the Mayor letting him know they would like to be on the Committee.

Doreen is waiting until she visits with Milford and finds out what the computer program can do before deciding whether to use a service for the newsletters. She believes the new program can run the labels needed to do the bulk mailing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Doreen would like to raise the membership dues to \$5 for Shelton residents. It would be easier for the staff collecting and making change.

Doreen explained that the Center did not receive the grant funding. She is still expecting a small grant. She is hoping to purchase a refrigerator. She received a letter from the state saying the funding had been exhausted and we were no longer being considered.

Gerry and Walter proposed to the Committee using funds from each Committee to have the three-season room constructed. Doreen threw away all her information because she thought it was a done deal. Doreen asked Chris Potucek and he also thought it was around \$70,000. - \$80,000. Doreen will approach the Mayor and see if the money is raised by the Center Membership if he will allow it to be built. Doreen stated with the increasing membership the room will be a great addition to the Center.

Barbara Hayslip questioned that if the money was spent would the Committee be vulnerable.

Gerry and Walter told her there isn't a lot of expenditures.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JILL BRUNO TO AUTHORIZE DOREEN TO PRESENT THE IDEA OF THE THREE SEASON PORCH TO THE MAYOR WITH MONEY RAISED FROM THE CENTER. BARBARA HAYSLIP SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

A question was asked why members were paying for parties. It was explained that the funds raised need to be used for all the membership. Funds can't be used for a select few. Gerry explained that they try to keep the cost to just cover expenses. Jill asked Doreen if she was still satisfied with Daivid Grant. Doreen stated she liked working with the new owners. They haven't raised the prices and they've been very nice to her.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERTA SUTKOWSKI TO ADJORN AT 4:35 PM. EDNA KERKES SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

Attested to: Corie Blanch Date: 9/11/24