

City of Shelton
Shelton Senior Center
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Shelton Senior Committee
October 14, 2025

The October 14, 2025 meeting of the Shelton Senior Committee was called to order by Jill Bruno, Co-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:

Jill Bruno – Co-Chairman
Scott Savary – Treasurer
Roberta Sutkowski – Secretary
Barbara Hayslip
Edna Kerkes

Also Attending:

Doreen Laucella
Gerry Janofsky

Absent

Walter Oko - Chairman
Diana Barry

PUBLIC PORTION:

None

MINUTES:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERTA SUTKOWSKI TO APPROVE THE CORRECTED MINUTES OF THE SHELTON SENIOR COMMITTEE FOR SEPTEMBER. EDNA KERKES SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

Corrections: Spelling correction: Roberta Sutkowski

TREASURER’S REPORTS:

Scott Savary presented the treasurer’s report for the month ending September 30, 2025. Scott reported the beginning balance in the checking account totals \$1,310.21, Receipts of \$ 0., Disbursements \$0. leaving a balance of \$1,310.21. The money market has \$6,245.52. Scott reported two CD’s totals of \$10,803.27 and \$54,033.41 This brings the total of all accounts to \$72,392.41

Scott reported that the bank will roll over the money market to 4% until March.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY EDNA KERKES TO ACCEPT THE SHELTON SENIOR COMMITTEE TREASURER’S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER. ROBERTA SUTKOWSKI SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

Gerry read the Shelton Membership Treasurer’s report for the month ending September 30, 2025. The beginning balance was \$21,048.00, receipts \$8,970.50, disbursements \$8,386.33 leaving an ending balance of \$21,632.17. Added to the Outdoor Improvement

Fund \$837.17 and the Appreciation Fund \$6719.02, the total is \$29,188.36. The money market account has \$31,661.32 added to the two CD's \$10,896.49 and \$10,811.18., brings the total amount in funds to \$82,557.35.

Gerry reported that Doreen purchased 2 outside tables with funds from the outdoor appreciation account and that Jojo & Pepi donated another \$500. to the appreciation fund. Gerry also reported that the crafts, quilting and sewing clubs have been very busy preparing for the October Valley Goes Pink campaign. All the funds will be donated to the Griffin Hospital Pink Fund.

Gerry also reported that he is going to move \$10,000. from membership checking to the money market so they receive the higher interest.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BARBARA HAYSLIP TO ACCEPT THE SHELTON SENIOR MEMBERSHIP TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER. EDNA KERKES SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

Jill asked Gerry if he knew the net profit from the Arts groups. Gerry reported that in the past nine months the group netted \$2,780.67. It was reported that the groups all work very well together and they enjoy each other's company.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Doreen reported that the first round of vaccinations saw 130 participants. (30 covid & 130 flu shots). The next offering of vaccinations will be in November.

The Concert choir's concert was amazing. Unfortunately, something went wrong with the video and it was not recorded. Doreen is working with the group on their performance at the Veterans Program. The Veteran's program will be held on November 14. Tickets Are \$15, Veteran's admission is free. Ticket sales will begin on October 20. Doreen stated that the Veteran's program is very dear to her heart. There will be a program for about an hour then dancing for 2 hours. She stated she has been receiving many donations including 7 or 8 new flags. There will be raffles. Doreen stated that two veterans came to the Center looking for tickets. She was happy to see Veteran's that haven't been to the program show interest in attending.

Doreen requested that the November meeting be changed to November 4th. The Center is closed on the 11 due to Veteran's Day. The Committee agreed and the clerk will notify the town clerk.

On October 20th and November 10th at 10:00 AM. There will be representatives for Medicare advantage participants who have questions regarding their companies dropping the advantage plans they are currently using.

The students from Shelton High School will be coming to the Center to help seniors with their technology again. They will be coming November 17th.

The Haircut program is going very well. The barber is very busy. Doreen is surprised how many members are participating.

The Halloween party will be treated to music by "Over Easy". There will also be prizes contributed by the membership council.

Doreen stated that the Bingo machine may not be able to be repaired. The Center purchased the machine on line. Apparently, the machine was rebuilt and the parts are

obsolete now. Doreen is meeting with the repairman on Thursday to see how much a new machine will cost. She will report back at the next meeting. This week Bingo will use the bingo card deck for calling the numbers.

The members have requested a trip to MGM. Doreen is working on scheduling the trip. A tour sponsored by the facilities of Bright View, Wesley Heights and Split Rock will be offered to the first 12 seniors who register. They will be treated to tours, breakfast, snack or lunch at the facilities. It's a nice opportunity to see if they like the facility. The event will be held periodically to accommodate all seniors who would like to participate.

The Mayor will hold his inauguration party at the Center on November 18th. It is open to the public.

Doreen is having a round robin event for veterans on November 21. They will be using four rooms and will have access to information regarding, finance, housing, loans and medical information.

Valley Coin will be available at the Center on November 24 for any seniors interested in having their coins evaluated.

The Bake sale will be held on November 24, from 8:30AM – 10:00AM.

Doreen will hold her annual Thanksgiving dinner on Wednesday, November 26. The turkeys will be donated. It will be a 12:00 PM lunch with an R.S.V.P. Sign-ups will be posted the beginning of November.

The Christmas party will be held in January.

Doreen reported that 30 new members were registered at the Center during September and 13 from October 1 - October 9. The Center has just under 2000 members registered. Doreen is going to check on the Committee's Christmas get together at Wellingtons. She will try to get it for December 9 after the monthly meeting.

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Jill questioned if Doreen had been to Milford to check out the sign in system? Doreen stated she was hoping to get there with Scott and Shauna during the next two weeks. Jill questioned if an acknowledgement was sent to the company that installed the roof regarding how professional and kind they were to the seniors during the installation. Doreen will have a letter sent. Doreen reported that the quilting room floor will be replaced this year but the parking lot will not. The city claims they don't have time in their schedule to complete it.

Barbara Hayslip questioned how a member would know to come to the public portion of a Committee meeting if they had an issue that needed to be addressed. It was stated that the minutes are posted on the bulletin board and the website. In the past it has been by word of mouth or they would go to the Membership meeting. Doreen would also direct them to the Committee if appropriate. It was suggested to put information in the newsletter. Doreen will put information in her notes on the front of the newsletter. Doreen stated that most issues she is able to resolve. Barbara stated it would be nice to raise consciousness every so often.

Gerry stated that the Committee photo wasn't put in the Shelton Life magazine. It was mentioned that the Committee should complain. It was noted to put it on the agenda for next month.

OLD BUSINESS:

The full time assistant director position is hopefully being instated on January 1st. Doreen is working on the Clerk full time position.

The Gazebo for the bocce course is being put on hold until next spring. Bushes were cut down so that participants have better access to the tent. It seems to be working out for now.

Election of Officer: The secretary cast one vote for the full slate of officers nominated.

Water Oko – Chairman

Jill Bruno – Co- Chairperson

Roberta Sutkowski – Secretary

Scott Savary – Treasurer

Barbara Hayslip Seconded. Vote passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

A new form has been created for the absentee report for the exercise classes. The forms are available at the Center if needed.

Scott Savary brought copies of the voting ballot for the different wards. He also informed the Committee regarding the enhanced deduction for seniors of \$6,000. on their tax returns. He stated the documents are in draft form and when they're complete he will bring them to the Committee. He also brought a form informing the Committee that an event for the veteran's regarding information on finance, housing, medical, and loans is taking place in Orange on Nov. 22 and asked Doreen to post the flyer.

Gerry reported that the membership is planning to award a \$1000.00 scholarship to a student at Shelton high School. Information will be going out shortly.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SCOTT SAVARY TO ADJORN AT 4:15 PM. EDNA KERKES SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

Attested to: Carie Blanch Date: 10/15/2025