

## Hopkinton Senior Recreation Committee

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Minutes of Meeting of January 26, 2009

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Members Present: Marilyn Ceriello Bresaw, Janet Krzyzaniak, George Langwasser, Don Lane, Justin LaVigne, Allita Paine, Joanne Woodward

Members Absent: Lillian Landry, Gloria Symonds

Others Present: Merle Dustin

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm by Chairperson Janet Krzyzaniak.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the Senior Recreation Committee (SRC) meeting of December 15, 2008 were approved as corrected and with the report on usage of the Slusser Senior Center as an addendum, by unanimous vote.

Business: Volunteer of the Year: SRC members discussed their potential nominees for Volunteer of the Year. To assist in this discussion, Janet Krzyzaniak presented a list of all Slusser Senior Center volunteers and their month-by-month hours for 2008 which totaled 2909.5 for the year! Justin LaVigne and Marilyn Bresaw shared a written list of five (three of them actually being pairs who consistently work together) including a rationale for each nominee. Don Lane shared a written list of two names, also with descriptions of their contributions. Other members gave verbal nominations. The person most frequently mentioned by all was Janet Krzyzaniak. Janet very firmly stated that she did not want her name on the ballot; Allita Paine also requested that she and Phil Fitts be removed from consideration. These requests, however, were denied by the other SRC members. Discussion ensued as to how many names to put on the ballot. Because of the large number of deserving volunteers, there was also discussion of whether to have one or two Volunteer(s) of the Year. Don Lane moved that the six names/pairs of names which had been submitted in writing (Janet Krzyzaniak; Phil Fitts & Allita Paine; Bonnie Cressy & Nancy Remick; Pat & Bruce Dawson; Ken Wilkens; and John Boatwright) make up the ballot, that there be two Volunteers of the Year selected, and that all (interested) seniors would each vote for two Volunteers of the Year. The SRC voted unanimously in favor of this motion. Justin will make up the ballots with the six nominees. He will also assure that copies of the nominees' description sheet are available at the front desk, coffee table, and at lunch tables. Voting will take place February 1 – 20, 2009. Votes will be counted at the next SRC meeting on February 23, 2009. A luncheon will take place honoring all volunteers in March; the Volunteers of the Year will be announced at that luncheon. Their names will be engraved on a plaque (which will have spaces for many future years as well) which will hang on the wall at the Center.

Slusser Senior Center Service Corps: The two forms Don Lane created for the Service Corps (Volunteer Data Form and Service Request Data Form) had been received by all SRC members; the only change suggested (by Janet) was that the e-mail address line be longer. Completed forms will be kept in a 3-ring binder at the Senior Center.

Justin LaVigne has sent an article about the Service Corps to the Concord Monitor; the Goffstown News; The Villager; the Senior Beacon; WMUR; and WKXL. Only The Villager has published the article to date. George Langwasser suggested sending it to the Union Leader as

well. Don Lane continues his willingness to go to various community groups to inform them of the Service Corps and would welcome anyone else who would like to go with him.

One request for service has been received: Linda Ottery, Director of the Tween School 'n Home Child Care Program has requested a person who enjoys being with children ages 5 – 10 to teach needlework – knitting, crocheting, sewing – two afternoons a week. Janet said that she talked with Linda and the activities could be broadened to include woodworking projects, reading a story, or whatever activity might be of interest to this age group. Also, the commitment need not be two times a week on an ongoing basis.

This program will be managed by the SRC; forms will go through the SRC. Janet Krzyzaniak urged that we get this program going. Justin will talk it up at the senior lunch. Don Lane agreed to write a paragraph to inform community members of this opportunity to volunteer, and, if interested, to contact the Slusser Senior Center.

Red Cross Babysitting Course: Justin LaVigne asked the SRC for permission to schedule a Red Cross Babysitting Course geared for children 11 – 16 years old at the Slusser Senior Center . It is a 10-hour course which he would like to offer twice, once in March and again in June. It would run two consecutive days from 3 – 8 pm and be held in the large (dining) room on the first floor. The SRC unanimously approved this request.

Updates: Building Rental: The building is not yet rentable as the Board of Selectmen has not made the necessary decisions. The building continues to be used by some community groups such as the Little Nature Museum scheduled on a Saturday. Bob Blanchard, Hopkinton Finance Director, is working on setting up an account so that rental fees will go toward maintenance/operating expenses of the building. George Langwasser stated that there is still disagreement among the Selectmen as to whether to restrict hours of rental (to exclude 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday- Friday, when seniors use the building) and the decision hanging at 2-2 with the 5<sup>th</sup> Selectman absent.

Barn Storage: Don Lane said that he was sick for a month, but that Herm and Greg cleaned the barn. It is now ready for storage. Janet Krzyzaniak said that when it is warmer, in April, she will request help from the Boys and Girls Club or high school students to take storage bins from the basement out to the barn. Don sent thank-you notes to Herm and Greg.

Newsletter: Justin LaVigne said that he has not yet heard back from the newsletter publishing company.

Other Business: Garbage Disposal Sign: Merle Dustin asked if an identifying label could be placed over the garbage disposal switch in the kitchen. All agreed that was an excellent idea and Janet Krzyzaniak will make the label. She displayed a number of labels and signs she has made and laminated, primarily to identify foods and beverages for lunches and buffet breakfasts.

Meeting Date and Time: Meeting date when the usual date is a Monday holiday was discussed and it was agreed that when the usual meeting date is a holiday, the meeting will be held on the following Monday. Meeting time was also discussed because of two members wanting to attend the 3:30 strength and balance class. It was agreed to change the meeting time to 1:30 pm.

Next Meeting of the Senior Recreation Committee: Monday, February 23, 2009 at 1:30 pm at the Slusser Senior Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.

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