

Hopkinton Senior Recreation Committee

Minutes of Meeting of April 20, 2009

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Merle Dustin

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:40 pm by Chairperson Janet Krzyzaniak.

Approval of Minutes: There were no minutes recorded of the brief Senior Recreation Committee (SRC) meeting of March 23, 2009.

Business: Donations, i.e. in memory of: Justin LaVigne asked what procedure should be in place when a person dies and his/her obituary specifies that memorial gifts be made to the Slusser Senior Center ; Cam Wagner's recent obituary did this. It was decided that Justin will keep such donations in a separate fund with the names of donors and amounts given. The Committee will decide how to spend the money at a later time. Gifts do not need to be reported elsewhere unless over \$5,000.

NH Conference on Aging: Neither Justin LaVigne nor Marilyn Bresaw will be able to attend the NH Conference on Aging, to be held Thursday, May 28, 2009, in Manchester, and they would like to have representation from the Hopkinton Senior Recreation Committee. Marilyn Bresaw and Lillian Landry attended last year and found it to be a good experience. The fee is \$20 for seniors, a higher rate for professionals. Justin will arrange transportation from the Senior Center by bus (with colleagues from other towns). Those interested will see Justin.

Program Speakers to Come/Not to Come: Justin LaVigne asked if the Committee favored having a policy about vendors of specific products coming to speak to seniors; a vendor of emergency response alert systems has asked to come and speak at the Slusser Senior Center. The Committee decided that speakers should be limited to those from non-profit agencies such as the VNA. Seniors need to hear the pros and cons of various products and be given various sources of those products from professionals who have knowledge but no vested interest.

4th of July Participation: After much discussion, the following decisions regarding the Slusser Senior Center's July 4th participation were made:

- The Senior Center will be open to the public: Don Lane, Merle Dustin, Janet Krzyzaniak, and Betsy Russell will share host responsibilities.
- Joanne Woodward will run another senior fundraising bake sale.
- The line dancers will dance on the stage as a part of the scheduled day's activities.
- We need to focus on attracting the town's seniors who are not yet involved with the Slusser Senior Center during the July 4th Open House. Other ideas to expand senior participation at the Center include :
 - including information about the Slusser Senior Center in whatever Welcome Baskets are given out in town (through the Women's Club, local churches);
 - asking town churches to put information about the Slusser Senior Center in their bulletins;
 - doing an informative bulk mailing to all town households;

- o putting out a quarterly newsletter to be sent to all town households. Lillian Landry offered to look into the cost of bulk mailings.

Slusser Senior Center Breakfasts: Attendance at the monthly senior breakfast has dropped and some seniors have indicated that they would attend if the price was \$3, not \$4. The breakfast in May will be the last of the season. The Committee decided to charge \$3 for the May breakfast to see if attendance improves.

Slusser Senior Center Bingo: Attendance at the biweekly Bingo games has also declined. Committee members feel that the loss of communication through The Villager (no longer mailed to households) and the Bow Times may be part of the problem. Other methods of communication seem necessary to remind seniors of Bingo dates.

Updates: Volunteer of the Year Luncheon: The luncheon is scheduled this Friday and 59 attendees have confirmed, with up to 70 expected. Marilyn Bresaw and Justin LaVigne assured the Committee that everything is taken care of!

Slusser Senior Center Service Corps: Don Lane is concerned that he has received a number of requests for the Service Corps but has not had as much success in recruiting volunteers. There are a number of tasks to be done for the Book Fair and the Fun Fair. We need to put together a sign-up list of these tasks and get volunteers in place.

Cable Hook-Up: Justin LaVigne reported that Comcast has found the cable wires at the Slusser Senior Center and that cable service is to be provided free of charge.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.

[The next meeting of the Senior Recreation Committee is scheduled Monday, May 18, 2009, at 1:30 pm at the Slusser Senior Center.]