

Senior Recreation Council

Meeting November 16, 2009

Call to order 1:30 pm by Chairman Janet Krzyzaniak

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

Members Absent Alita Paine

Others Present Merle Dustin, Marion Paxton

Public Comments: Merle – The gas furnace should be checked and cleaned annually. Merle has cleaning solution for the glass and she will check with the company to see when the service can be done. Greg will receive a list of what needs to be done.

Business:

Janet proposed a program for the collection of bottle tabs that is sponsored by the Shriners. Money realized from the project will be used to help pay the transportation expenses for patients to Shriner hospitals. A motion as made by Gloria, seconded by Lillian, to proceed with this project. The vote was affirmative and a receptacle will be placed in the lounge area.

Janet also spoke about a used cell phone project. Cell phones would be sent to AT&T to be reconditioned and sent to service personnel. Janet would be responsible for the collection and mailing. Periodically the drive could be advertised at senior lunch. Don moved to implement the program and Joanne seconded the motion. The motion carried. A receptacle will be placed in the lounge for this purpose.

There is a needlework group meeting on Thursday mornings. They are making hats, mittens, scarves,, shawls etc. to be given to charities. Janet also purchased six baby hats. Sue Stricford will be contacted to see where there may be a need for these items.

Don Lane spoke about a recipe exchange program which Mona will oversee – edit and make corrections if needed. Recipes will be collected at the front desk, put in a notebook and be available for anyone who wishes to try one. The project can be advertised internally through regular programs – line dancing , exercise, bridge, lunch etc.

The suggestion was made that we try to initiate a quilting group. People mentioned who might be contacted to help start this program were Dale Roberts, Jody Reed and Dotty Graziano. There is also some material available for basket making. Sarah McNeil and Mona Lane were suggested as people to contact. Gloria mentioned that some of these activities might be scheduled in the evening as the daytime schedule is pretty much filled, especially in the morning. It would also allow time for working people or different age groups.

Bus Trips: Hiring large buses in expensive and the added cost for an event is in most cases cost prohibitive. Justin said he would still try to plan baseball and casino trips. There is the

possibility of hiring a smaller bus for some trips.

Volunteer Coordinator: Lillian had resigned as volunteer coordinator but has agreed to return and share that responsibility with Janet. The list of duties for volunteers needs to be revisited and updated with the list available to all volunteers.

Financial Report Justin reported that an endowment fund, through the town trust funds, has been opened with \$1,500 from the proceeds of the flea market. The ultimate goal of the fund will be to pay the operating costs of the building some time in the future thereby reducing that amount in the town budget.

Storage: Shelves will be added to the present storage shelves in the fitness room to accommodate the exercise equipment. As many non-perishable decorations as possible will be stored in the barn.

Logo Contest: The Center needs to establish a logo that can be used on t-shirts, jackets, hats, posters, stationery, etc. A contest will be held to determine the logo. Justin suggested involving the high school art club. One idea was to feature a covered bridge. More information will be forthcoming.

Adjournment: Joanne moved to adjourn, Don seconded, and motion passed..