

Slusser Senior Recreation Council

Minutes- August 16, 2010

Members in Attendance: Gloria Symonds, Joanne Woodward, Janet Krzyzaniak- Vice Chair, Marilyn Bresaw, Judy Sanborn, Pat Dawson, Justin LaVigne, George Langwasser (Selectmen's Representative), Don Lane, Chairman

Members Absent: Lillian Landry

Chairman Lane called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm.

Approval of Minutes- The Chairman asked for comments or corrections for the July minutes. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to accept the July minutes. Joanne Woodward moved to accept the July minutes with Judy Sanborn seconding. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote with George Langwasser abstaining.

Old Business

Trust Fund Update- Chairman Lane updated the Council on the status of the Slusser Senior Center Trust Fund. The Fund had been approved by the Board of Selectmen. Chairman Lane passed out copies of the signed document creating the Fund. **A copy of the signed document is attached.**

Recipe Status- Chairman Lane stated that no new recipes had been received in the past two months. Justin LaVigne volunteered to do some "advertising" for new recipes with an emphasis on entrees, salads, soups and dips.

Horse Shoe Pit Status- Justin stated that he had talked with Greg Roberts from the Town Department of Public Works concerning the construction of a Horse Shoe Pit in the close general vicinity of the Center. He said that he and Greg had settled on the area between the road and driveway behind the Center. Mrs. Krzyzaniak said that this area could be very dusty in dry weather. Justin indicated a willingness to review other potential sites but remained firm that the site selected was the best considering its proximity to the Center and its easy access from the downstairs. He will report back at the next meeting.

Newsletter Development- Because Mrs. Landry was absent from Council meeting there was no update on the progress of the newsletter. Gloria Symonds showed the Council a copy of the White Birch Bugle, an excellent newsletter put out six times a year by the White Birch Community Center in Henniker. It would be a superb model for the Slusser Center newsletter.

New Business

Pot Luck Luncheon- Justin LaVigne announced that the Senior Recreation Committee had decided to begin holding Pot Luck Luncheons. The first is scheduled for Wednesday, 9/22/10. If these luncheons are well received they will become a regular part of the Senior Center Luncheon program. Justin will be providing more information shortly.

Luncheon Sponsor Recruiting- Justin informed the Council that there remains a serious need to find organizations and/or people willing to sponsor and provide regular Wednesday Luncheons. At present September, October and November have been scheduled but the rest of the calendar remains to be filled out.

Financial Update- Justin LaVigne provided a synopsis of the funds which he maintains on behalf of the Center. There are three accounts presently with the following balances:

Center Rental Income Account- \$700

Building Fund- \$3,900

Revolving Fund- \$6,000 (estimated)

Justin and Bob Blanchette have had numerous discussions about the disposition of the various funds. The Council made the following decisions:

Center Rental Income Account- The monies that flow into this account will be used to offset building maintenance and operations expense. This will be accomplished by applying the balance generated annually to the Center Maintenance Budget. Therefore, the \$700 presently in the account plus any additional rental income received before December 1 of each year will be applied to the budget and the account zeroed out annually.

Building Fund- This account was made up of funds unspent during the original construction and other significant miscellaneous gifts. It was determined by the Council to donate \$300 from this fund to the Sign Fund (for completion of the lighting) and transfer the balance (approximately \$3,600) to the newly created Slusser Senior Center Trust Fund. The Building Fund is therefore depleted and discontinued.

Recreation Revolving Fund- The Revolving Fund retains funds for many different recreation activities including senior activities. At present the amount credited to senior recreation activities is approximately \$6,000. In a previous Council meeting the Council voted to transfer

\$1,500 from the Revolving Fund to the Slusser Senior Center Trust Fund. This vote was taken in anticipation of the establishment of the Trust Fund.

Council votes required relative to the above financial activity were two:

- 1) A motion was made by Mrs. Woodward to donate \$300 from the Building Fund to the Sign Fund and to transfer the balance of the Building Fund to the Slusser Senior Center Trust Fund, seconded by Janet Krzyzaniak. The Chairman called for a vote which was unanimous.
- 2) At the suggestion of Mr. Langwasser a motion was made by Mrs. Woodward and seconded by Mrs. Symonds to apply annually the balances developed in the Center Rental Income Account to offset building maintenance. The Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

The seed money provided by the Senior Center Council to the Slusser Senior Center Trust Fund is approximately \$5,100.

Request Made by Marilyn Bresaw- Mrs. Bresaw came before the Council to request its support concerning an effort to have her offices moved from the Slusser Senior Center to the Town Hall. Presumably this request was made by citizens in non-public sessions with the Board of Selectmen. Mrs. Bresaw stated that such a move would greatly interfere with her ability to bring both her formal and informal services to senior citizens, a major constituency for her services. It would also separate her from the Food Pantry. Her hearing before the Board is scheduled for Monday, 8/30/10.

Public Comment- Merle Duston informed the Council that she had personally paid to have the fireplace inspected and repaired. The Council wishes to express its sincere gratitude to Mrs. Duston for her continued generous support of the Center.

Adjournment- There being no further business Chairman Lane requested a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Mrs. Woodward to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Sanborn. The Council voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Lane, Chairman
Slusser Senior Center Council

