

Hopkinton Senior Recreation Council

Minutes of Meeting of April 19, 2010

Members Present: Marilyn Ceriello Bresaw; Janet Krzyzaniak – Chairman; Lillian Landry; Don Lane – Vice Chairman; Allita Paine – Co-Secretary; Gloria Symonds – Co-Secretary; Joanne Woodward.

Members Absent: George Langwasser – Selectman's Representative; Justin LaVigne.

Others Present: Merle Dustin.

Approval of Minutes: Corrections to the February, 2010 minutes of the meeting of the Senior Recreation Council were discussed; spelling corrections will be made and the letter from Ken Wilkens referenced in the minutes will be attached to the minutes. A motion to accept the minutes with corrections was made by Don Lane and seconded by Lillian Landry; members voted in the affirmative.

A motion to accept the minutes of the Senior Recreation Council meeting of March 15, 2010 with correction of the title of the Council was made by Don Lane and seconded by Gloria Symonds; members voted in the affirmative.

Public Comment: Merle Dustin commented that the recent drama production by the high school was fabulous and that, in regard to the Senior to Senior program, the girl (Dorothy England) with whom she is matched has stayed in regular contact with her all year and it would be nice to continue this program. Merle suggested that flower pots be placed at the ends of the porch and noted that Dale Warner had repaired the porch. Merle informed Council members that a rating guide is available through the American Institute of Philanthropy and that a number of well-known charities receive an F rating (because of the percentage of each donation that goes to the actual cause) and that she will provide the Senior Center with a copy of the guide. Merle also aired her concern about the quality of the paper plates used at the Wednesday lunches; liquids soak through them.

Business: Council members and election of officers: Janet advised Council members that the terms of two members, Allita Paine and Joanne Woodward, have expired. Joanne is willing to serve again but due to travel, Allita Paine is unable to continue. A new member is needed, preferably a person who is willing to be the Council's secretary. In addition, Janet does not wish to continue as Council Chair but will remain as a Council member. The addition of a new Council member and election of officers was postponed to the May meeting.

PAYT Committee member: Don Lane made a motion seconded by Lillian Landry and approved by Council members that Janet Krzyzaniak will represent the

Senior Recreation Council on the PAYT Committee. The PAYT Committee has met once and will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm.

PTA Request: Tammy Ehrmanntraut has requested help for the Fun Fair at Harold M. Martin School to be held on Saturday, May 15. Volunteers are needed from 9:45am-12 noon and from 11:45am -2:00 pm. She would like the names of volunteers by May 1st. Lillian Landry said that she, Jack Ward, and Merle Dustin volunteered last year and it was fun.

Newsletter: Marilyn Bresaw reported that Justin is still looking for ads to support the production of a newsletter. Council members discussed distributing the newsletter around town if there is no money for postage and keeping the newsletter to both sides of one page to minimize paper and copying expenses. Don Lane offered to be the point person responsible to collect information and put together articles. Council members agree that it remains very important to reach all seniors in the community and to encourage more extensive participation in Slusser Senior Center activities.

Ideas for Additional Senior Center Activities: Gloria Symonds suggested:

- A twice monthly evening dance for seniors; she knows a number of couples who are interested and will pull together a meeting to plan these dances.
- A square dance demonstration by the Concord Coach Square Dancers; Gloria knows some of the members and will contact them about their availability.
- A day at the beach – Ogunquit or Wells. Janet Krzyzaniak offered to investigate the possibility of using one of the small school buses for this day trip.
- Shuffleboard.
- Horseshoes, which all agreed would be easier to set up than shuffleboard.
- Soft ball – Is the field available to seniors?

Merle Dustin noted that the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum is reopening in May and wondered if the Senior Center could schedule a visit and offer carpooling. She also stated that there is interest in Wii but that most seniors would need assistance in operating the program. Merle also suggested croquet.

Slusser Senior Center Volunteer Coordinator: Lillian Landry announced that she will no longer be the Senior Center Volunteer Coordinator. She has a number of medical tests coming up and once her health issues are taken care of, she is looking forward to working at home. Janet Krzyzaniak has been helping Lillian with the Slusser Center responsibilities but will need to share these responsibilities with another person. Natalie Jones is assisting temporarily. A permanent replacement needs to be found.

Request by Bev Johnson to Use the Slusser Senior Center: Bev Johnson approached Don Lane about the Golden Group using the Slusser Senior Center. She can use the Hopkinton Library without having insurance but the Board of Selectmen requires her to have insurance in order to use the Slusser Senior Center, which she sees as inconsistent. The heart of the issue is that Bev Johnson collects dues for the Golden Group (making it a private rather than public group); in addition, she wants to collect donations for activities that would be held at the Senior Center. Any donations made at the Senior Center must go directly to the Senior Center; Justin LaVigne can then submit for reimbursement for a person who has paid for Center activity supplies and presented him with receipts for those supplies.

Updates: Recipes: Don Lane stated that more recipes are needed for the recipe project, particularly recipes for entrees.

Movie of the Month: Gloria Symonds said that the movie *Blind Side* will be shown on April 30th. *Up in the Air* will be scheduled for May. Lillian Landry has addressed the lighting problem with a cloth curtain on a tension rod placed over the blinds.

Newsletter: to be discussed further at the May meeting.

Quilting: This activity is going well and the time has been expanded to 10:00 am to 2:30 pm. Participants are making quilted jackets and will have pictures taken upon completion. There are now 2 ironing boards, 2 irons, and 1 sewing machine owned by the Center. Dale Roberts, leader of the activity, will stop for the summer season at the end of May but those who wish to sew through the summer will continue to come in on Thursdays.

Trust fund: There needs to be an amount declared as a trust fund. Once established, people may leave money to the trust fund in their wills.

There being no further business, Joanne Woodward moved that the meeting adjourn, seconded by Lillian Landry. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm by unanimous vote.

The next meeting of the Hopkinton Senior Recreation Council is scheduled Monday, May 17, 2010, at 1:30 pm, at the Slusser Senior Center.

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