

Hopkinton Senior Recreation Council

Minutes of Meeting of November 21, 2011

Approved

Members Present: Joanne Woodward, Chair, Judith Sanborn, June Garvin, Jack Ward, Gloria Symonds, Elaine Lambert, Marilyn Ceriello Bresaw, Jessica Bailey, Recreation Director, and Sara Darby, Pro-Tem Secretary.

Members Absent: None.

Visitors Present: Rebecca Gagnon, Assistant Principal of Hopkinton Middle/High School, Janet Krzyzaniak, Merle Dustin, and Doris Price.

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Joanne Woodward, Chair.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes of Meeting of October 17, 2011

The members reviewed the minutes of the meeting of October 17, 2011. No corrections were made. June Garvin made a motion that the minutes be approved as is, and Judy Sanborn seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the unanimous vote of all the members.

III. Old Business

Out of School Suspension Program:

Rebecca Gagnon, Assistant Principal at Hopkinton Middle/High School, explained the out of school suspension program at the Slusser Senior Center and some changes that have been made to better accommodate the needs of the students and the seniors. Discussion ensued.

Wind Screen on Front Porch of Senior Center near Dining Room:

Merle Dustin has talked with Dale Warner of Warner Construction about repairs that need to be made to the wind screen. Jessica Bailey will follow up with Mr. Warner on this.

IV. New Business

Election of Officers for Senior Recreation Council:

Joanne Woodward nominated Gloria Symonds as Vice Chair. June Garvin moved to accept this nomination, and Elaine Lambert seconded the motion. Joanne Woodward nominated Jack Ward as Secretary. Gloria Symonds moved to accept this nomination, and June Garvin seconded the motion. Both of these motions were approved by the unanimous vote of all the members.

Right-To-Know Law:

Jessica Bailey explained the Right-To-Know Law. The public has a right to see the agendas of the Senior Recreation Council meetings ahead of time, can attend the meetings, and has a right to see the minutes of the meetings. Changes in the meeting time and/or location must be posted in advance in 3 or more public locations, which may include: the town website, the Hopkinton Library, and the Town Hall. Meeting agendas are sent to Robin Buchanan at the Town Hall to be posted in advance of the meetings. The minutes of the Senior Recreation Council meetings are sent to Robin, and a draft of the minutes should be posted within five (5) days of the date the meeting is held. When the minutes of the previous meeting are approved by the Council, corrections are made if needed and sent to Robin to be posted on the town website as a final approved copy.

V. Program Discussion

Christmas Party:

Jessica asked about having a Christmas party at the Senior Center. Discussion ensued. It was suggested that instead of a party, arrangements be made for Sandra Smart to play the piano and Harry Meinzer to lead singing of Christmas carols at the Senior Lunch before Christmas. A raffle could be held, also.

Holiday Centerpieces:

It was agreed that a workshop to make holiday centerpieces will be held on December 9th at 1:30 p.m. Cost will be \$10.00 per centerpiece, and a maximum of 10 people can sign up for the workshop. A sign-up sheet will be at the front desk. If not enough people have signed up before December 9th, the workshop will be cancelled.

New Exercise Programs:

Jessica asked how the new exercise programs are going. The members agreed that the programs are going well. The equipment that the instructor, Rebekah Brigham, brought with her belongs to her. Jessica has given Rebekah a budget, and any equipment bought with these funds will belong to the Slusser Senior Center. There is a mat in the exercise room for outdoor shoes. It was felt that another mat is needed. Participants in the program can use the exercise room door. However, during the winter, if sand and/or water in the exercise room become an issue, the entrance/exit will be moved to the hallway door.

VI. Citizens' Forum: Nothing was discussed.

VII. Other Business

Fireplace in Living Room at Slusser Senior Center:

Merle Dustin said that the fireplace has been previously cleaned by Fireplace Village. Their price to clean the whole fireplace has increased to about \$199.00. Merle has a special solution for cleaning the tempered glass, and she's willing to help with this (Windex cannot be used). Jessica will research cleaning options.

There being no further business, June Garvin moved that the meeting be adjourned, and the motion was seconded by Elaine Lambert. The meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m. by unanimous vote of all the members.

The next meeting of the Senior Recreation Council is scheduled for Monday, December 19, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. at the Slusser Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Darby
Pro-Tem Secretary

Minutes approved on December 19, 2011

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