

*City of Shelton  
Shelton Senior Center  
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**Minutes  
Shelton Senior Commission  
April 10, 2007**

The April 10, 2007 meeting of the Shelton Senior Commission was called to order by William Smarz at 4:00 p.m., in the conference room of the Shelton Senior Center. The pledge was recited by all present.

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

William Smarz  
Joseph Coleman  
Shirley Keller  
Barbara Arsenault  
Gerri DeMarco  
James Martin

**Also Attending:**

Ellen Shaw  
Kathy Ramia

**Absent:**

Jill Bruno

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

None

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY GERI DEMARCO TO ACCEPT THE MARCH MINUTES. BARBARA ARSENAULT SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** for the month end March 20, 2007 was read by Kathy Ramia, reporting a balance forward of \$15,711.79, receipts \$130.00, another \$10,000.00 CD was purchased leaving an ending balance of \$5,841.79. Five \$10,000.00 CD's totaling \$50,000.00 maturing at different dates. (Interest not reported at this time.)

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM MARTIN TO ACCEPT THE MARCH TREASURER'S REPORT AS READ. SHIRLEY KELLER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY GERRI DEMARCO TO ACCEPT THE MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL'S TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH. SHIRLEY KELLER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.**

Jim Martin brought up the St. Patrick's Day Party. He stated people have been questioning him. He told them even though it snowed the caterer and musician still had to be paid. Ellen stated she had talked to highway and bridges and they thought it would be ok.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Ellen stated Senator Dibecella came to the center the same day as the St. Patrick's Day Party. Ellen turned him over to the computer club and they had a good discussion with about 15 people. Appointments for the floors have been arranged. The hardwood floors will be done May 15<sup>th</sup> and the tile floors will be done June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ellen stated "The Big Read" went over very well with the high school students. The book discussion and the acting class both had very good responses. Ellen has asked the high school book club teacher if they could do it every 3 or 4 months. The movie was shown today, about 20 people showed up. Ellen felt the interaction with the high school students went very well. The income tax preparation is finished. Many seniors were helped. No one was turned away. The tax helpers will be included in the volunteer luncheon. Ellen reported that the Elder Response Team will have a Conference on Elder Abuse on Wednesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dr. Henry Lee and his assistant will be the speaker. She will be looking for some volunteers for registrations. A Canasta club will start on Monday afternoons and Bocce will be starting next week. Parks and Rec. Dept. is planning to come and weed and prepare the courts.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY BARBARA ARSENAULT TO ACCEPT THE MARCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT AS WRITTEN. JOE COLEMAN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED**

**OUTSTANDING BILLS:**

None

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

Joe Coleman prepared a report for the committee regarding the computer request from Gene Kierce. He explained the difference between digital and analog TV. He also explained High Definition TV's and the new computer programs and older computers. Joe spoke with the person teaching the course to see if he needed or wanted anything for teaching his course. He didn't require or want anything. Joe stated maybe the computer club wants new equipment. He stated they would need to present what they want to the commission and the commission would discuss it.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Smarz and Mr. Coleman presented information for a new sign outside the Senior Center. They visited the business to see if they were capable of doing what they want for the sign. Joe stated he was satisfied. They are getting two different quotes, one with the lettering the same and the second quote the letters are with a gold spray. The new posts will be plastic. The sign is made with a material called armor board. Joe and Bill are concerned with the sign being able to handle the weather. Bill also stated he wanted to get the light fixed. Joe Sewak will have to take care of the lights. The bill might need to be separate. One can be for the fabrication and second will be installation. Kathy Ramia stated that the Commission might ask the Membership Council to split the cost. Mr. Smarz asked where it would come out of the budget. Ellen stated maybe programs.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Smarz stated he would like the Center to run a bus trip to the casinos once a month. Ellen stated that she losses a staff member for the day and a few hours. Ellen stated maybe a commission member or a volunteer could sponsor the trip. Joe Coleman stated that they might get a better response going to Foxwoods because of the Bingo. Ellen stated that the buses need to be filled. Mr. Smarz stated he would like to advertise with flyers and in the newsletter. It was decided that Ellen would run trips in the months of June, July and August to start to Foxwood.

Mr. Smarz asked Ellen if the Center has a plan in place for when an injury occurs. Ellen stated it is to dial 911. Any volunteer injured at the center is required to report it to the town clerk. Joe Coleman suggested it is best to call 911 and have them take care of it. Leave it up to the person to refuse the EMT.

There were also some discussion as to writing a letter to send to the instructors who teach at the center. After some discussion as to what the letter should contain it was decided that Joe Coleman would construct the letter and it would pertain to the main floor areas.

Jim Martin shared a newspaper article with the Commission regarding the rates at the Senior Center. In the article Mike Holden suggested raising the rate to \$12/year.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY BARBARA ARSENAULT TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:30 P.M. SHIRLEY KELLER SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED.**

Attested to: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_