

City of Shelton
Shelton Senior Center
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**Minutes
Shelton Senior Commission
November 13, 2007**

The November 13, 2007 meeting of the Shelton Senior Commission was called to order by William Smarz at 4:10 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
Jill Bruno
Roger J. Spinelli

Also Attending:

Ellen Shaw
Kathy Ramia

Absent:

Gerri DeMarco
Susan DiCariano
James Martin

PUBLIC PORTION:

None

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOE COLEMAN TO ACCEPT THE OCTOBER MINUTES AS WRITTEN. BARBARA ARSENAULT SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's report for the month end October 31, 2007 was read by Kathy Ramia, reporting a balance forward of \$7,909.26, receipts \$1045.03, disbursements \$50.00 leaving an ending cash balance of \$8904.29. Five \$10,000.00 CD's totaling \$51,328.12 maturing on different dates. The next CD will mature on 12/24/07. Mr. Smarz stated that he has been reinvesting the CD's for the amount of time with the highest interest rate.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROGER SPINELLI TO ACCEPT THE OCTOBER TREASURER'S REPORT AS READ. SHIRLEY KELLER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BARBARA ARSENAULT TO ACCEPT THE SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL'S TREASURER'S REPORTS AS PRESENTED. ROGER SPINELLI SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Smarz asked that Ellen get a report of the minutes from the Membership Council meetings. Ellen Shaw suggested that the Membership Council form an advisory board

with officers who meet with the director to discuss issues concerning the membership. She feels they would have the interest of all the members. It was mentioned that the by-laws would need to be changed. There was some discussion on who would be good representatives and the criteria they would need. Ellen mentioned that the make up of the center is changing. The new seniors are more educated, professional and more active. She stated that most centers are doing away with membership meetings and using advisory boards.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Ellen reported that the Christmas Fair and Festival of trees plans are going very well. Most of the trees are decorated and many wreaths are hanging at the center. Roger Spinelli and the Arts & Crafts group have done a really beautiful job. The Fair will kick off with a preview Friday evening, November 16th and will continue on November 17th and 18th. Two flu clinics were held with 400 people attending the first clinic and 98 attending the second. The heating problems of the center were discussed. Ellen stated the Oakley Brothers heating company put in a new thermostat. They are writing up a report to present to the Mayor. It was discovered that two units were not working correctly. They can't be started. There is some trouble with the starters. The Boys and Girls Club Thanksgiving Dinner will be on November 20th. They will be collecting for Toys for Tots. Kathy Ramia stated the center was given some ideas for gifts cards and gifts for children age 10 to 12. She will make copies available for anyone who would like one. Mr. Smarz asked Ellen how the trips to the casino worked out. They had two out of three trips. Ellen stated that they had a little difficulty filling the bus ten days before the trip. The trip needs to be paid in full 10 days before the trip. Ellen also stated that only 6 people are going on the trip to Germany. Mr. Smarz stated that he would be making a list of things to accomplish in 2008 to present at the December meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHIRLEY KELLER TO ACCEPT THE OCTOBER DIRECTOR'S REPORT. BARBARA ARSENAULT SECONDED. MOTION PASSED

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

none

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Joe Coleman reported that he made his last phone call regarding the sign. The sign should be put in by November 17th. He is planning to have it installed before the Christmas Fair.

Roger Spinelli reported that the Arts and Craft Committee is working very hard and doing a very good job. They will be wrapping baskets and finishing the wreaths. He reported the women he is working with very pleasant and very good workers. They are looking forward to a great turn out for the fair.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JILL BRUNO TO ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE REPORTS. SHIRLEY KELLER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Smarz explained the parking situation at the police station to the commission. He explained how the parking is crowded at the town hall. There isn't much the Commission can do. Mr. Smarz suggested letting the police department know that the Center is having an event and maybe that day they could make more parking available.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOE COLEMAN TO CANCEL THE PREVIOUS ACTION BY THE COMMISSION REGARDING THE PARKING LOT. THERE WILL BE NO ACTION TAKEN. JILL BRUNO SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Christmas Social for the Senior Commission was discussed. It was decided that Ellen would arrange the appetizers and buffet not to exceed \$600. The Commission, Staff and Membership Council officers will be invited.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHIRLEY KELLER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:25 P.M. BARBARA ARSENAULT SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

Attested to: _____ Date: _____

Dates of Activities at the Shelton Senior Center

November 16, 2007 Christmas Fair Preview

November 17th & 18th - Christmas Fair & Festival of Trees
@ Shelton Senior Center

November 20, 2007 Boys and Girls Club Thanksgiving Dinner
@ Shelton Senior Center