

The September 8th, 2015 membership meeting of the Claremont Senior Center was called to order by secretary Faith Labelle at 12:57 PM.

Board members attending were Faith LaBelle (secretary), Judy St. Pierre (treasurer), Marilyn Gilbert, Ken Lewis, Moe St.Pierre, and Claire Lessard (director).

Twenty-five members were in attendance.

The first order of business was the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the August 4th, 2015 meeting were read by Secretary Faith LaBelle. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Ed Small and seconded by Tim LaBelle. The motion carried.

A thank you note from Carol Wilson and Lora Underwood was read to the members.

Judy St.Pierre presented the treasurer's report explaining to the membership that the car show figures are not included because of the bank's closing date. The figure given was \$137.44 in the black. She assured the membership that the next statement would include the finalized figures. Because there were still bills pending for the car show, any figure given at that time would not be a true one. A motion to accept the report was voiced by Arthur Palmer and seconded by Rite Wolfe. The motion did not carry as Gary Bedard opposed asking that the gross total be given for the car show. After discussion, Director Claire Lessard complied noting that a final figure could not be given until after the critique meeting on September 14th. The gross figure given was \$10,850. Gary Bedard withdrew his opposition and the motion carried.

In regards to the directors report, Claire said all the information of current concern and interest was included in the newsletter and on the Center's web site.

Moe St. Pierre addresses the hard work Art Fines has put into the polishing of the Owens Hall. Everyone agreed the floor looked beautiful and thanked Art. Moe stated the work was accomplished by hand with NO machine assistance. They are doing their best to keep the center up and running. He also stated the roof replacement is in the works and mulch is coming. He thanked the members for their patience.

Gary Bedard asked about the cost of a machine to do the floors. Mr. St. Pierre said the cost would be \$8,000 and \$10,000. Moe said he had explored the cost of an outside company coming to do the floors. Just to do the hall would be \$700-\$1,000. A machine would pay for itself in the long run. A motion to accept the maintenance report was made by Harvey Cheater and seconded by Violet Small. The motion carried.

Tech night was talked about by Faith LaBelle and Claire Lessard. The next session will be Wednesday, Sept. 30th 6-9PM. Note the day change. The subject will be computer security. The Shutterfly session will be given again at a later date. Please tell Tom of any subjects you would like to see on Tech night.

Game night particulars were given by Deb Bedard. Mahjong, pool and Hand and Foot are still the most popular. Poker is now gathering interest. Mexican Train Dominoes will be on Thursdays at 1PM.

Deb also gave the latest trip information. The next event will be on Sept. 22, 2015 for the Beach Boy Concert.

The entertainment committee is in limbo and between projects..

Ron Gilbert spoke on the car show held on Aug. 30,2015. He stated it was very successful and went smoothly. There were about 400 spectators and about 200 cars. The tuners were new and 21 showed up. The kids put a lot of technical tweaks into them. Gary Bedard classmates brought 20 Mustangs from the NH Mustang Club. More trophies were ordered as there were 8 ties! A member said even the stock car circles were talking about it. A thank you was given to the 54 volunteers who helped make the show a success.

Under unfinished business, the roof bids are coming in according to Faith LaBelle and Judy St. Pierre. The deadline is Sept. 25 2015. Hopefully we will have new roof on before winter. The board cannot solicit anyone . She asked if anyone is interested or knows of someone who is, a bid package can be picked up at the center. The USDA will have the final approval.

New business: Ken Lewis spoke of the by-laws committee. A meeting will be held Sept. 24th for anyone interested.

Tom Liveston(at a previous meeting) mentioned having a work night to clean the center in various areas. If anyone has an afternoon to help, please contact the office. Areas needing attention are vacuuming, painting, raking, gardening, cleaning windows and frames. Any help would be appreciated.

Gary Bedard asked the director what monies were available for the roof. She stated the grant was for \$14,000 and about \$9,000 available funds plus the car show contribution. The remainder was the center's responsibility.

Deb Bedard stated that some would like the center to be open on Saturday and Sunday for games and socializing. She was told to make a request by letter which she agreed to do.

Deb also brought up the subject of lights being turned off when people are still in the building. She considered it a safety issue. Claire said she closed the lights at 3PM-closing time. A lively discussion ensued with several members voicing their opinions. The use of motion lights, LEDs, and adding or changing the lights to allow light in needed areas were suggested. Some said it was not friendly and with no light showing, they would not come in. Another member suggested an open sign as the light cannot be seen for the outside. Faith said the board would look into it. Members were asked to make suggestions.

The free lunch ticket was drawn by Judy St.Pierre and won by Harvey Cheater.

Being no further business a motion was made and seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned.

The next membership meeting will be October 6th at 12:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Marilyn Gilbert, acting secretary.