

The April 5th. 2016 membership meeting of the Claremont Senior Center was called to order by chair Peg LaPointe at 12:45PM. 22 members were present and all board members except Tom Liveston were present. Also present Claire Lessard ex-dir.

The pledge was lead by chair Peg LaPointe.

Secretary's report read and motion to accept was made by Gary Bedard and 2nd by Ed Small.

Treasurer's report was given by Judy StPierre. It was stated that the Center is \$2000.00 in red for the first quarter. Also mentioned income from St Patrick's day dinner was \$709.00 and Scratch tickets brought in \$887.00. This amount was down from last time. Judy also encouraged members to look at the P & L reports and ask questions. The cable bill is over budget due to the addition of the sports channel for use during Sunday's at the Center.

Motion to accept made by Debbie Bedard and 2nd by Denny Francis.

No correspondence:

Maintenance: Moe St Pierre stated that the floors need to be done before the new equipment is acquired. The weather(snow, wind, etc) has caused much trash to be blown about the yard and needs to be picked up. Moe also stated that he is leaving the board(his term is up) and will not be around as much but he plans to finish the side work that he has been doing. He also mentioned that Joe StPierre has done a lot to help. Thank you Joe. With Moe stepping down we need someone to help keep the place up.

Hospitality: Tabled for now.

The "Spring Fling" craft fair is shaping up nicely. The advertising is already out and many crafters have signed up already.

The Car Show is in the planning stage and an insurance form has to sent to the property owners of the lot.

Old Business: There has been a history of non members using the facility and having the same privileges as dues paying members. This has been brought to the attention of the BOD. The Board members came to the conclusion that non members would be allowed three(3) opportunities to use the facility and then must decide whether to join or not. If they do not join they will no longer have the use of the building. Included in this policy are pool players, crafters, card players, and bingo players. Excluded are the rentals like Weight Watchers, Miracle Ear, Catholic Daughters, other rental groups or meal goers. A sign will placed on the front door explaining the new policy and non members will be asked to sign in. Suggestion from Denny Francis was to charge non members \$1.00 for each visit. It was decided to try the sign in sheet . Effective date will be 4/6/2016

New Business: Elections for new Board Members will be held at the May 3, 2016 meeting. The nominating committee consisting of Ron Gilbert, Denny Francis and mentor Peg La Pointe presented a statement read by Ron Gilbert. Five names were brought to the members present for consideration. They are Debbie Beard, Arthur Fines, Louise Mathewson, June Silva, and Lawrence Johnson. There are 3 seats open on the Board.

Each candidate will have a profile posted in the front lobby.

Raising of the dues to \$20.00 was discussed again. A survey sheet was utilized to assess the membership thought on this matter. Results were 90 responses, 59 yes, 31 no. Claire Lessard stated that this money will cover the cost of food if Albie stops bringing food to the Center. Gary Bedard asked if increasing the dues was covered in the by-laws. Ron Gilbert questioned if making our dues the highest in the area would membership go down. Claire stated that it was advertised that this would be the meeting for the vote on the dues. It was also mentioned that we only had a survey and not a motion to change the dues. To that effect Denny Francis made a motion to raise the dues to \$20.00 seconded by Joe St Pierre. Members voted 15 in favor 11 not. Motion passed. No date for this to take effect was mentioned.

Judy StPierre again mentioned that a new grill had been purchased with Bingo money and that she hoped that it would be used by the Car Show group in August.

Free meal was won by Fr Stan.

Motion to adjourn was made by Arthur Fines and 2nd by Moe St Pierre. Motion passed meeting adjourned at 12:37PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Faith LaBelle secretary