

The Membership meeting of the Claremont Senior Center was called to order by Chair Tom Liveston at 12:45 PM November 2nd. Twenty five members were in attendance. Board members present were Arthur Fines, Larry Johnson, Tom Liveston, Faith LaBelle and Debbie Bedard. Absent Marilyn Gilbert and June Silva. Also present Claire Lessard Ex-director. Quorum was met.

Chair Liveston lead the members saying the pledge.

Minutes of the October meeting were read chair Liveston. Motion to accept made by Ken Simoneau with second by Violet Small. All in favor motion passed by voice vote.

Ms Lessard read a note from Lencie Raynor thanking the Center for working with her for the past year while she has been the Blood Drive coordinator. At this point she is turning that position over to Debbie Bedard as of January 1st, 2017. good luck to Debbie. Ms Lessard also stated that

Treasurers report read by Larry Johnson the Center has had 28 renewals and nine new members for the month of October.

Treasures report read by Larry Johnson. Mr Johnson stated that the income/expense statement shows a loss of about \$1000.00. This is because of end of month dates. November deposits turn things around. Croydon Bingo is a big help and the kitchen also is a good help with income. On the expense side maintenance and electricity are the biggest expenses. He also mentioned that the budget was on track at the $\frac{3}{4}$ mark and 75.9%. A question was posed as to how Croydon Bingo was paid. The formula was explained to the members. Motion to accept the report was made by Arthur Fines and 2nd by Ken Simoneau. Motion passed by voice vote.

Ms Lessard then mentioned that the Car Show had brought in about \$6600.00 this year. She also informed the members that a Mr Charles Foley had bequeathed the Center \$39606.00. This money will go into the Capitol Reserve. The Center will be installing a plaque in his memory.

Maintenance report given by chair Liveston stated that the new lights have been installed in the parking lot. They provide softer light and are less expensive to run. The door project is still a work in progress and paving the parking lot will be put off until next year. A security system is another project the Center is working to achieve. We would like it to include monitors for both the furnace and the refrigerator. The Vt. Life Safety Inspection was done and we passed. The inspectors stated that our kitchen was one of the cleanest they had seen.

The Center's participation in First Night was briefly mentioned and if we do join in volunteers will be needed.

Travel: Ms Bedard reported that the last trip of the year is December 1st. Fourteen people are going to "Home for the Holidays" in Stockbridge Ma. This includes a visit to the Norman Rockwell Museum and the Bright Lights Tour. If a second bus is available 6 more people (who are on a waiting list) will be able to go also. The trip is on a Wilson Bus.

Fund raising: Winter Fling is Nov 5th from 9AM to 2PM. Some ideas were to have a dinner in January or February. The planned Casino Night is on hold for now until we get more information.

Again we would have to find prizes and table sponsors and many volunteers.

Also needed are volunteers to help put cover over the compressors before snow flies.

New activities at the Center: Coloring, yoga, reading , men's breakfast(Mayer will be the next speaker), and Sunday's at the Center.

A question was raised as to why the newsletter were printed on white paper since it was voted on awhile back to have yellow paper for them. Short discussion followed and a motion was made by Ed Small to keep the newsletters on white paper. A 2nd was made by Arthur Fines. Motion carried by voice vote with one negative.

Chair Liveston stated that the board would like to ask the membership if we could forgo the December meeting since it was such a busy time for everyone. Motion to forgo the December meeting was made by Denny Francis with a 2nd from Gary Bedard. Motion passed by voice vote.

Chamber after Hours is scheduled for April 26th, 2017. A question was raised as to what is CAH? Answer it is an opportunity for people to speak to members of Chamber. It is also a meet and greet type of event. Sometimes a job opportunity and maybe new members for the Center. It is also a way to get our name and information out.

Free lunch won by Faith LaBelle.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ken Simoneau with 2nd by Arthur Fines. Motion carried by voice vote and meeting adjourned at 1:25PM.

Respectfully submitted
Faith LaBelle acting secretary 11/2/2016