

The membership meeting of the Claremont Senior Center was called to order on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 12:45 PM by Chair Peg LaPointe. Board members attending were Moe St. Pierre, Judy St. Pierre, Marilyn Gilbert and Tom Liveston. Also present was Claire Lessard, Executive Director. Eleven members were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

The minutes of the December meeting were read by Marilyn Gilbert – acting secretary. A motion to accept the minutes was given by Larry Johnson and seconded by Ed Small. Motion passed.

Correspondence was presented by Claire Lessard. She read a thank you note from Roland Lacasse. Also, \$125.00 in memorial donations was received in memory of Hamilton Webb, an original supporter of the center. Hamilton recently passed and will be fondly remembered.

The financial report was presented by Judy St.Pierre. She mentioned some deleted entrees to the profit /loss statement that were discovered during the board meeting. A corrected copy will be available. Judy explained that the budgeted propane and the electric must be paid every month. And we have done so. She asked for suggestions for the Sunday dinners that would be something you would not get at the lunch fare. Lasagna and turkey were suggested. Judy proposed a meat raffle or meat bingo as a way to do something different. Although no one answered positively it was suggested to give it a try. Larry Johnson asked if we were doing OK. Claire said we have to maintain current fund raisers and start new ones. The general fund was boosted from \$16,000.00 to \$18,265.19 due to a donation from the Ruth Caine Fund. Claire explained we will be putting \$200.00 into the general fund each month to increase usable funds. It was stated that we are not broke. A motion to accept the financial statement was given by Larry Johnson and seconded by John Wolfe.

Moe St.Pierre gave the maintenance report. We are looking good for the winter. The chain link fence is up. Opinions accepted. The floors need care and Moe and Art are finding the mop is getting harder and harder to push. They could really use a floor machine. It is on the back burner for now. Moe stated the kitchen ceilings were due to be replaced.

Larry Johnson asked about the commercial floor machine. Judy St.Pierre stated they had looked on line. \$6,000.00 will get you a floor washer and buffer. It cost \$700.00 for someone to come in and do just the hard floors. For \$8,000.00 we can purchase a machine that will do both the hard floors and the carpets because of an attachment. The cleanliness of the center is what brings in the rentals. Grants and fundraisers may help with the purchase. This is a work in progress.

Peg said the Tom would be staying after the meeting to take down the Christmas decorations and the tree. Anyone's help would be greatly appreciated.

Tom was asked to talk about Center Sundays. He stated that 8-10 people were coming. He invited members to come do your thing-watch football, play pool, ping pong, cards, Mahjong, knit etc. The purpose is to have the Center accessible so seniors will not be alone on Sundays. This is a member only and guest day. Larry Johnson asked if this will be an ongoing event. Tom said it is important to have the Center accessible. Judy will do a chili supper for Super Bowl as it is a night game.

Peg mentioned that the February membership meeting will include a discussion about raising the dues to \$20.00. She stated people have been telling her our dues are out of line. The free lunch was won by Marilyn Gilbert. Judy reminded to tell people about the scratch baskets. Being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Ed Small.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marilyn Gilbert*  
*Acting Secretary*