

Claremont Senior Center

Membership Meeting – June 7, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 12:45 PM

All board members were present except June Silva.

The pledge to the flag was led by Tom Liveston.

The minutes from the May 3rd meeting were read by Marilyn Gilbert. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Gary Bedard and seconded by Denny Francis. Motion carried.

There was no correspondence.

Treasurer's report was given by Larry Johnson, treasurer. Larry stated meets with Claire every Tuesday to discuss bills and finances. He said the center is in good shape. Larry read the balances for the month of May, stating we had a plus of \$869.77. The report will soon be changed to an income and expense statement as we are a non-profit. The finance statement can be obtained at the front desk. Larry is also available for questions.

Judy St. Pierre inquired as to how much of the statement was from fundraisers. Larry deferred the question to Claire who estimated it to be \$1,500 to \$1,300. Judy wanted the membership to know how important fundraisers and the support of the fundraisers are to the center.

The maintenance report was given By Art Fines. He stated that the lawns have been mowed. Tom said because of maintenance costs, we are working with a bar bones budget. Any additional projects would have to be funded from outside sources. Claire stated the chain link cost of \$200.00 was paid. Judy raised the money from the bingo Wish List fund. Peg LaPointe asked if anyone had stepped up to help Art. Tom said no one had, but is anyone had some extra time, Art could use the help. Peg mentioned everyone comments on how clean the building is. Art received a deserved round of applause.

Hospitality Group. Tom said we are always looking for more people to join. Deb Bedard nominated Denise Liveston . She accepted. Tom said the center would be open on Father's day for those who are alone. Claire stated she would change the the notice to Father's Day Sunday.

Fundraising. Tom is working on a steak dinner for July 10th. People are welcome to help on Friday and Saturday before the dinner to do the preparation. Ken Simmoneau will be grilling. Tom would like to have half hour slots. After much discussion about the about the day of the week,time slots and the menu, the date, time, price and menu will be set by the board.

Old Business. Peg Lapointe said there has been a lot of talk about the dues. Tom stated the dues would increase on Jan. 1, 2016 to \$20. Those already paying \$20 would be reimbursed or put toward next year's dues. He said Claire would work out a payment plan for those who need it. Judy said according to Robert's Rules, if no date is set for something like that it is started immediately. Tom stated we use the rules as a guide. Being confusion about the date, the board decided to set it for Jan. 1, 2016. Lorraine Potvin asked if we could get the information out to the public to clarify the payment plan process. Claire will see that it is put into the newsletter. Judy stated this cannot apply to the bingo as it is regulated by state law. The non-profit permit states for members only. Larry asked for a membership mailing. Claire said it is very expensive. Norman Lessard said the dues should remain at \$20 stating that the lost revenue would be over \$1,100.After another discussion, no date was set. Judy made a motion the the dues started when the membership voted for it on. Norman seconded. Discussion started again. Claire said we would have to have the fundraiser to make up the difference. The discussion was moved. Motion carried 17- yes and 11 no. Dues will be retroactive to April 6, 2016.

New Business. AED instructions will take place before lunches. Tom and Deb will be doing the demonstration. Claire assured us that the machine was in tip-top shape.

Member's Considerations and Comments. Judy asked for an explanation as to the number of people in the board of directors. Tom complied. It was decided by the board. The bi-laws state the board can consist of 7-9 members. The board decided to add a position. The vacancy was then filled by the board. Judy read the bi-laws pertaining to filling the position. The board has the right to create a vacancy and fill that vacancy. Tom stated that we had followed the bi-laws. Years ago there were nine on the board, but it was reduced to seven because no one wanted to run. It was only logical to accept a member who wanted to be on the board. Judy said the time for the increase is at the elections. Norman Lessard said we should go back to the number voted on at the election and a motion was made. Joe St. Pierre seconded. Lucy Fontaine walked about the ballot confusion

.Denise Liveston made a motion to vote on Deb now. Marilyn Gilbert seconded. Ballots were made, a vote taken, results..12 to return to 7 members and 15 to keep it at 8. Vote to keep Deb on the board carried.

Tom was given applause for the excellent way he conducted his first meeting as chairman.

Lunch was won by John Wolfe.

Being no further business, a motion was made by Ed Small and seconded by Denny Francis. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM.

The next membership meeting will be August 2, 2016.