

Durham Senior Citizen Board Minutes  
Wednesday, January 27, 2016  
Durham Activity Center  
1 pm

**Call to order:** meeting called to order at 12:55 pm.

**Roll Call:** in attendance: Chairman Lainy Melvin

Members: Stu Keating, Beverly Pedersen, Jim Martinelli, Karin Thody, Dede Levy, MaryEllen Dontigney

Staff: Recreation Director Sherry Hill, Human Resources Director Amanda Pedersen

Absent: Vice Chairman Henry Coe; Norm Hicks

**Approve Agenda:**

Motion to approve: MaryEllenDontigney. Second by Dede Levy.

**Approve Minutes**

Bev Pedersen moved to approve the November 18, 2015 minutes. Second by Jim Martinelli. Minutes approved.

**Reports**

1. Social Services Director Amanda Pedersen
  - a. Amanda passed out February Senior Newsletter.
  - b. Kim's Cottage Confections will hold a class on Feb. 1, making truffles for Valentine's Day.
  - c. Laura Falt from Water's Edge will give a talk Feb. 22, on Antibiotics-do they help or hurt you?
  - d. Amanda passed out a sign-up sheet for the March Soup & Salad luncheon.
  - e. Amanda and Sherry are working with the Durham Woman's Club on hosting a Tea Party.
  - f. Tax freeze filing begins February 1 and ends May 15.
  
2. Recreation Director Sherry Hill
  - a. Sherry compiled an operating budget handout listing all the programs that are currently run by the Recreation Committee and the Senior Board. Members were asked to review it for suggestions and comments. Both Boards are working on a plan that would be helpful if Korn School were to become a community center.
  - b. Super Bowl theme was suggested for next Wednesday's luncheon.
  - c. Sue Schade, exercise instructor, may be returning next Monday, but only to instruct, as she recovers from surgery.

**Old Business**

1. January 8<sup>th</sup> Soup & Salad luncheon was great.
2. Yoga Tune-up classes were excellent. \$100 cost for the 4 class session. Sherry will pursue having another session.

**New Business**

1. YMCA guest speakers Sue Dionne and Cindy Sullivan spoke to the Senior Board about the possibility of holding a Tai-Chi class at the DAC. All proceeds from the program would benefit the Y. A motion was made by Stu Keating not to recommend the YMCA participation. First by Jim Martinelli, second by MaryEllen Dontigney. Sue and Cindy passed out a brochure on Active Senior Adult programs available at the YMCA in Middletown.
2. Soup & Salad Luncheon at the Library on March 4 will feature a presentation on the History of Irish Music. Food will be provided by Artie's Restaurant.

3. District 13 will again participate in the Spring Fling luncheon in late April or early May. It will be held at Memorial School.
4. Lainy discussed the Senior Budget and spoke about the request by our exercise/yoga instructor for a raise increase as she has not had one for many years. MaryEllen Dontigney made a motion to increase her pay by 5% (\$2). That would bring her pay to \$42/hr. Motion seconded by Karin Thody. Motion passed and will be presented to Town Finance Dept.

**Board members' concerns, comments and ideas:**

Bev Pedersen asked about mailings to Seniors, as some in town are not aware of all that is offered. Cost is prohibitive. Sherry Hill submits articles to the Town Times and follows up with a phone call to make sure they are published.

Jim Martinelli suggested having a party when a Senior turns 100 years old, as it would be good promotion for the Senior Center and its programs. Dede Levy mentioned her Dad is turning 105.

**Adjourn:** Bev Pederson moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Jim Martinelli.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Diane Miramant, Secretary