

LYMES' SENIOR CENTER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2010

PRESENT: Barbara Blackwell, Ann Griffith, Vi Gerber, Ruth Young, Bill Paradis,
Phyllis S. Tambini, Don Tapper, Doris Johnson, Bonnie Reemsnyder

ABSENT: Frank Balboni, Doris Rand, Mary Miles, Sherry Meyer

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 P.M. by Chairperson, Ruth Young.

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS: Ruth announced that Bonnie Reemsnyder has been approved to be the 12th person on the Board of Directors. She needs to be sworn in at Town Hall by Selectman, Tim Griswold. Ruth also thanked Ann and Judy for all their help in keeping the center going while Sherry is on medical leave.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Judy Dutton) There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the last meeting and were accepted as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Bill Paradis) Placed on file for audit.

COMMUNICATIONS: (Ann Griffith) The cancellation of the AARP Driving Course which was scheduled for Jan. 28th and 29th. It will be re-scheduled at a later date. We have the list of the people and their phone numbers so we can contact them to see if they are still interested in attending. Also Tia Chia used the building on Sat., Feb. 6th and Sun., Feb. 7th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Special Events and Programs: Ruth said that she got a notice that The Old Lyme Historical Society is having a function here on Friday, Feb. 26th. It is a Capella and is free. They will be having light refreshments. They need the building from 4:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Ruth is wondering who is going to be here to open and close the building. Doris Johnson said they had contacted her but she forgot to call Ruth to inform her. Ruth said with Sherry being out, it is very important that she be contacted so that we all know when and why the building is being used. Doris also said that The Historical Society wants to use the building for a speaking program on Saturday afternoon, March 6th. This is all fine as long as they have a key to get in and put it in the key box when they leave. Doris will get the information to Ann.

*Building Use/Property: (Don Tapper) The hand dryer has been installed in the Ladies Room. The soap for the dishwasher has not been received. The Estuary probably has not even ordered it. Don will get the name of the Company off the dishwasher and call to see what and where we can get the detergent. The discussion of the problem with the kitchen here at the center, not the kitchen itself, but the Cafe Manager. The Cafe Manager is not

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physically able to do the job she is hired and being paid for. She will be having her 3rd major operation this year. She comes back to work soon...she cannot take the food in or out of the steamer because it is too heavy...she cannot take the dishes in or out of the dishwasher because they are too heavy...she cannot stand for any length of time so consequently, spends quite a bit of time sitting down, either in the kitchen or at the puzzle table. We have had a meeting with Paula from the Estuary. She wrote down all our concerns and said she would get back to us...this was over a year ago...we are still waiting. We have talked with Diane Baxter from the Estuary with no results. Mary Miles has spoke to Paula and Diane two or three times herself about our concerns. She has had no results either. Bonnie Reemsnyder suggested that we write a letter to the Estuary (with copies to the Old Lyme & Lyme Selectman) asking what the Estuary's policy is in regards to sick leave, family leave, etc. Does the Estuary provide a replacement when someone is out or does the person who is out get their own replacement? Also include in the letter what the Senior Center's concerns are. Wait about a week or so to see if there is any response from the Estuary. If there is no response, go to the Selectman and let them know you have heard nothing back from the Estuary and ask the Selectman to contact them. The town is paying good money to have a Café Manager and they should know that the job is not being done by the hired person but by the volunteers.

*Membership: (Ruth Young) Nothing to report.

*Search and Nominating: (Ruth Young) Hopefully all the positions will stay filled for a long time.

*Personnel: Sherry will be going to the Dr. on Tuesday, Feb., 9th. After this appointment we should have a better idea as to when she will come back to work full time.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Update on Sherry. As mentioned, Sherry will be going to the Dr. on Tuesday, Feb., 9th. It was suggested that we keep Sherry position open for the time being until we find out when she can come back on a full time basis. Ruth mentioned that Annie and Judy have taken on the responsibility of making sure the building is open and closed and keeping tabs on what is going on. Ruth feels they should be compensated for their efforts. Everyone agreed. Ann and Judy they are doing this for Sherry. They do not want to be compensated. They just want ^{the} Center to stay open and will continue to do it until Sherry is back. It was suggested they get them a gift certificate for \$100.00 each so they can go out and have a good lunch. Both Ann and Judy said that was way too much....But the Board did not listen to them and a motion was made and passed to give each the amount stated. Bill Paradis will take care of it.

Ruth brought up the Old Lyme Band Concert and Summer Series in July. Ruth said if they were going to do it again this year, she would need a volunteer to set it up and get

the sponsors. Doris Johnson has done it before and said she would do it again. (Ruth was hoping Doris would do this) They had four programs last summer.

On October 30, 2008, we had a program at the Center and did not receive a check. The gentlemen's name was R. A. Corlin. No one seemed to remember what went on or who he is. Judy will check with Sherry and we will pay the bill.

OTHER: Barbara brought up that the Physical Therapist came to the center a couple of weeks ago and mentioned getting a sit-down bicycle for the center. You sit in a chair and put your feet in the pedals or put it on table to exercise your arms. Barbara showed us one she had purchased. Ann and Judy tried it and said it was an easy way to exercise. There is being one donated to the center and if we make use of it we can bring it up at the next meeting about purchasing one or two. The Chowder Fest was mentioned. Bonnie said that it has not been discussed yet and she will let us know as soon as she finds out any information. Ruth introduced Bonnie to the Board. She will be voted in on Friday at the Town Hall.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 3:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Dutton, Recording Secretary

CC: Board of Directors, Old Lyme & Lyme Selectman, Old Lyme & Lyme Town Clerks.
Senior Center Director

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010 AT 3:00 P.M.