LE Phillips Senior Center
Board Meeting Minutes
Date: May 26, 2026
Time: 8:00-9:30 AM
Location: LEPSC

Present: Mary Mero, Jim Bunkelman, Larry Zorn, Jackie Minor, Janet Lesniewski, Colleen Bates, Beryle Middleton, Linda Mogenson, David Backstrom
Absent: Aric Burch, Denise Wirth

1. Call to Order
Chair Bessa called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM.

2. Approval of Minutes
The March April 28th, 2026, minutes were approved unanimously (motion by Mell, second by Mero).

3. Treasurer's Report - Kinderman
Reviewed balance sheet, donations revenue is down but friends is way up for the month of April. These numbers are not reflective of the recent thrift sale. It was also presented we received donations from Thrivent. Members of Thrivent can designate an organization to give funds to. Year to date, the net income is roughly $12,000 compared to last year. Year to date Friends donations are up 99% and Fundrasing is up 119% compare to last year. Expenses are also up roughly $40,000.
Director's Report- Minor

a. **Eau Claire Marathon:** LEPSC is one of three designated charities and is eligible for an $8,000 donation based on volunteer hours. Wednesday 5/27 @ 4:30pm is the announcement of which organizations logged the most volunteer hours throughout the year. It is predicted the Center will receive the $8,000. Board was invited to attend.
b. **Resource Fair:** Fully booked with 74 tables and all sponsorship opportunities filled.
c. **United Way Grant:** Following a meeting with United Way leadership, Jackie was encouraged to apply for a grant, this resulted in a $2,500 Grant award to the Center.

4. Committee Reports
a. Executive Committee (Bessa)

- **City/County Funding:** Jackie submitted the required application for 2027 funding in the County budget. The County has changed their application process and it was a challenging submission. Mell reported having met with 5/11 sitting city council members and has a meeting scheduled with the interim City Manager Dave Solberg upcoming. Two sitting board supervisors had expressed intent to attend the annual meeting.

b. Building Committee (Bunkelman)
- Roof project scheduling in progress.
- Dining room paint ready; scheduling underway.
- Boiler replacement scheduled for June
- Bunkelman suggested revisiting what we may want to do with the kitchen now that some of the larger capital improvement projects have occurred.

c. Programs & Community Outreach (Mero)
- Capacity grid was discussed showing each rooms capacity in each possible configuration
- Next step is evaluating the existing schedule of how rooms are used during the day/week
- Mero mentioned adding an autobiography workshop with ADRC

d. Finance Committee (Kinderman)
- No additional updates

e. Fundraising & Planned Giving (Bates)
- Annual campaign officially starts today. Board members asked to donate and help distribute letters.

f. IT Committee (Minor)
- Microsoft licensure will likely result in a $300/year fee as a result of no longer providing free service to nonprofit organizations.

5. Old Business
None.

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6. New Business
None.

7. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 9:05 AM (motion by Mero, second by Bates; passed unanimously).

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 8:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Bryan Bessa- President