

L.E. Phillips Senior Center Board of Directors meeting minutes

April 25, 2023

ABSENT: Zorn

President Graaskamp called the meeting to order at 8 a.m.

President Graaskamp introduced the newest board member, Colleen Bates. She said she has lived in the Eau Claire area “forever,” and raised a family of seven. “I love Eau Claire and the people in it,” she said. She has been volunteering at the center since leaving a long term of service on the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors.

The March minutes were approved unanimously, with Burch moving and Mero seconding.

Treasurer Kinderman gave the financial report, saying, “The numbers are looking good...very good actually.” Membership dues through the first three months of the year total more than 53 percent higher than the same period a year ago. Kinderman said this “shows the power of the programming committee” and means that members are “taking advantage of the programs we are offering.”

Rental and wellness income also are trending higher.

President Graaskamp credited the staff and volunteers with ensuring that everyone who comes to the senior center checks in at the front desk to confirm that they are dues paying members. “We have done so much better in recording our attendance,” President Graaskamp said, “and it has a financial ramification.”

President Graaskamp reported on a meeting between senior center representatives and Allison Triebold, the owner of Rock Steady Boxing, the Parkinson’s exercise regimen that leases a part of the center’s basement. Rock Steady Boxing wants to expand at the senior center. An agreement in principle was reached to allow Rock Steady Boxing to expand in the basement. The agreed upon points of the new lease are:

1. The lease amount will be \$1,000/month, up from the current \$800/month
2. The monthly lease amount will increase \$100 month each subsequent year.
3. The lease agreement will be for three years.
4. The center’s negotiation committee can add other terms to the final agreement as they deem appropriate.
5. The new agreement is contingent on the center providing an enlarged and improved space for Rock Steady Boxing.

The agreement in principle was approved unanimously; the final lease agreement also must be approved by the board. Once the details of the agreement are worked out, a communication will be sent to all center members explaining the ramifications of the expansion.

Executive Director Minor said the sponsorships for the July 15 Water Street Mile are up to \$4,200.

She said some 60 volunteers participated in the Volunteer Appreciation event in April. The Sunrise Exchange Club will be renting the senior center for their meetings while their current meeting facility is being renovated.

Board member Emilio Renaldi was thanked for his sponsorship of the renovation of the women's bathroom on the main floor.

Giving the Building Committee report, Chair Bunkelman said the electronic operator of the interior door needs to be replaced at a cost of \$2,800. He then summarized the current effort to design an addition to the parking lot, which would increase the number of spaces from 60 to 115. The price tag is undetermined at this point.

Giving the Marketing Committee Report, Chair Mell reported that the center's newsletter, The Silver Thread, will this summer go from a monthly publication to every other month. Center staff will utilize emails and other means to deliver important information to members and extra copies of the newsletter will be ordered. This move will save the center time and staff resources.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m., with Deignan moving and Mero seconding.