

L.E. Phillips Senior Center Board of Directors

Minutes of Feb. 28, 2024, meeting

President Graaskamp called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. Absent: Deignan and Rinaldi

Treasurer Kinderman gave the financial report and said, "We are off to a good start this year."

Expenses are running under budget, she said, because of lower utility and other bills during this warmer winter.

"We would not have asked for a better winter," Treasurer Kinderman said. "We are in good shape. There is nothing too surprising here and definitely no negative surprises."

President Graaskamp reminded the board about the upcoming strategic planning session on April 23.

Executive Director Minor reported that the board unanimously decided by email to cancel the Water Street Mile, which was scheduled for July 13. The city of Eau Claire has scheduled two major projects on the route. Executive Director Minor said there were "too many variables" to be confident that the race could be held this year. Additional fundraising efforts will be used to fill in for the lost revenue, she added.

Some 24 people so far had taken advantage of the offer the board extended to HSHS and Prevea employees to use the center free for a year, Executive Director Minor said. Employees are coming in "with tears in their eyes" because they were grateful to have a place to work out,

The board is using some additional donations to offer those free one-year memberships.

Executive Director Minor said the local Elks Club has donated \$900 to help veterans who want to be members of the senior center but can't afford it.

Nine of members of the senior center recently were featured in a commercial for Economy Furniture, she said.

Membership is up about 30 percent in the last year, Executive Director Minor said, adding that a successful open house was held on Feb. 13, and some 100 people were given tours of the facility.

Building Committee Chair Bunkelman said work is commencing on additional space downstairs for pool players.

Program Committee Chair Mero said the center needs volunteers in many areas. It also is becoming difficult to find qualified fitness instructors.

Marketing Committee Chair Mell said the Egg Plant Heroes will return to the senior center for a concert on May 10.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m. The next meeting will be at 8 a.m. March 26.