

L.E. Phillips Senior Center Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Feb. 28, 2023

Absent: Rinaldi

Board President Graaskamp called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. He introduced two new board members attending their first meeting: Denise Wirth and Aric Burch, who gave short background descriptions of themselves. Other board members then introduced themselves as well.

Minutes of the January meeting were distributed and approved unanimously. Board Secretary Mell noted that these would be the first minutes to be posted on the center's website in the pursuit of greater transparency of board actions

Board Treasurer Kinderman gave the financial report. She noted that the financial documents were in a new format because of some account consolidations and a switch in accounting software. Year-over-year financials are trending in a good direction, she said. "Income is looking very good, especially compared to last year," Treasurer Kinderman said. "I would say we are off to an excellent start."

President Graaskamp, as part of his report, distributed a new roster of board members and their committee assignments. The assignments took into consideration previous appointments and any preferences that board members had previously indicated, he said. The new committee assignments will be published as part of these minutes, he added.

Center Executive Director Jackie Minor said in her report that the center's elevator went down a few weeks ago because of an electronic failure. The exact part was not available, but a solution was found, costing \$6,400 down, with the elevator down for 10 days. A center member donated \$1,000 to help defray the cost of the repair she said. In other developments:

- The Water Street Mile will be July 15 and will return to its traditional one-mile route, instead of having longer routes as well. The L.E. Phillips Foundation has agreed to match proceeds that exceed a targeted amount. Board members were encouraged to help raise awareness of the event.
- Membership numbers exceeded 2,000 for January, Director Minor said, thanking the center's office staff for working hard to process new members.

Committee reports:

Building Committee Chair Bunkelman said one of the center's three boilers is not working. The system can work with two boilers, but the third one will need to be replaced this year, costing nearly \$15,000. The board will act on this request after the heating season is concluded.

The board approved, with Burch moving and Pocernich seconding, three items needing immediate action: replacing the front door power operator (\$2,580); adding wired hold-opens to the center's fire doors (\$1,500); and contracting for the development of design and construction documents for an additional parking lot on property the center cleared of houses last year (\$12,250). The board also discussed the need for the center's roof to be replaced in the future.

Community Relations Chair Mell reported that the senior center will host a musical event, a performance of the Egg Plant Heroes, on April 28, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 and will be

available at the door. This event is part of an effort to open the senior center to all members of the public in keeping with the taxpayer support the center receives from the city of Eau Claire and Eau Claire County.

Program Committee Chair Mero reported on the improvements some Parkinson's patients have noticed since becoming involved in Rock Steady Boxing. Committee member Lesniewski said the operator of Rock Steady Boxing has said the program needs more room in the lower level of the senior center where classes are held. The board indicated that more information was needed before approving a plan giving Rock Steady Boxing more space.

The board adjourned at 10:01 a.m., with Bessa moving and Mero seconding. The next board meeting will be at 8 a.m. on March 28.