

L.E. Phillips Senior Center Board of Directors meeting

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

ABSENT: Denise Wirth

President Graaskamp called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

Treasurer Kinderman gave the financial report, saying that net ordinary income for February was positive. "Overall, we are looking very good compared to last year," she said. Revenue from membership dues continues to increase as well as the center adds members. "Things are looking good," President Graaskamp added.

During the report given by Executive Director Minor, the Board of Directors adopted a revised mission statement for the center:

L.E. Phillips Senior Center is a gathering place for individuals 50+ to maintain their independence through access to programming, which develops skills to enhance their social, emotional and physical wellbeing.

Minor explained that the former mission statement included geographical limits on who can be members of the center, stating that the center was for individuals who live in the city or county of Eau Claire. This leaves the erroneous impression that individuals outside the county can't visit the center or otherwise use the facility. The amended mission statement removes those geographical limits.

Mell moved and Pocernich seconded the new mission statement and it passed unanimously.

Minor also reported:

- The Water Street Mile, to be held on July 15, had raised about \$3,000 in donations so far. A brochure was being prepared for those who want to register for the run.
- The center continues to explore external funding through grants. "There are some good possibilities" for grants, Minor said.
- Membership continues to increase, with February membership at 2,151, compared to 2,083 in January. "We are growing," Minor said.
- A volunteer recognition event will be held April 19.
- The fish boil prepared by Marlin Mueller on March 24 attracted 160 people.

During the report of the Building Committee, Bunkelman said that electronic "hold opens" for fire doors at the center have been installed, meaning that the center is now in code compliance to keep the doors open.

A lengthy discussion was held about the needs of Rock Steady Boxing to use more space in the center's lower level. Mell moved and Rinaldi seconded a motion to allow center officials to negotiate a contract with Rock Steady Boxing for additional space, with the understanding that no improvements would be made in the lower level without a contract that is satisfactory for all parties. The motion passed unanimously.

Mell reported on the preparations underway to host the Eggplant Heroes musical group at the center on April 28. The event begins at 6:30 p.m.

The Nominating Committee put forward the name of Colleen Bates to join the Board of Directors. Mell moved and Mero seconded the nomination and it passed unanimously.

Rinaldi reported on the women's bathroom remodeling project that he is sponsoring.

The board adjourned at 9:48 a.m. with Deignan moving and Mero seconding.

The next board meeting will be at 8 a.m. April 25.