

L.E. Phillips Board of Directors meeting

October 24, 2023, board minutes

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

September minutes approved unanimously with Mero moving and Wirth seconding.

Treasurer Kinderman gave her financial report, saying that September “was a very good month for donations” with \$2,811 received in September. The center also received a grant for \$10k from U.S. Bank for exercise equipment.

In addition, she said, “educational program income was very healthy,” with income from sponsored trips amounting to nearly \$10k for September, with trip expenses being about \$7,400 for the month.

Treasurer Kinderman said income from the Senior Center Week Fair in September “supercharged” the center’s September revenues as well.

Another bright spot, she said, is the wellness program income, which is “looking very good.”

No expenses were out of line, she said.

“Overall, it was a good month,” Treasurer Kinderman said. “There were no bad surprises and a couple of good surprises.”

Executive Director Minor said that Program Coordinator Liz Anderson is retiring as of Dec. 15, and she is in discussions with board members about how the position description needs to change.

“I’m nervous about losing Liz,” Executive Director Minor said. “She has a wealth of information and contacts. But I’m also excited to bring in someone with new ideas.”

She also said that maintenance employee John Rush was retiring and moving to Minneapolis.

Acting on a recommendation from Executive Director Minor, the board unanimously approved upgrading the lighting system in the center’s Great Room to LED lighting as well as replacing the carpeting in the back employee offices. Burch moved to approve the projects with Rinaldi seconding.

Building Committee Chair Bunkelman said one of the center’s three boilers was swapped out, and the paving of the new section of the parking lot was completed. Landscaping will take place next spring, he added.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m. with Bates moving and Merro seconding.

The next board meeting will be held at 8 a.m. Dec. 12.