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10:16 AM Jodi Moore, ATC

DURHAM SENIOR CITIZENS BOARD

March 4, 2026

1:15 PM

DURHAM COMMUNITY CENTER

This meeting was rescheduled from February 25 due to inclement weather.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Carol Kleeman at 1:15 PM due to Lainy Melvin running late.

Roll Call: In attendance: Chairperson Lainy Melvin, Diane Coe, Carol Kleeman, Doug Marden, Bev Pedersen, Coleen Sturkin, Social Services Director Morgan Perry, Recreation Director Brian Medeiros, Rosemarie Bartholomew, Secretary.

Absent: Norm Hicks, Simone Howe, Jim Martinelli

Public Comment: None

Approve agenda: Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Doug Marden and seconded by Diane Coe. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Approve minutes of 1/28/2026: Motion to approve the 1/28/26 minutes as presented was made by Diane Coe and seconded by Doug Marden. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS

Social Services:

- The next TUMM dinner is tomorrow, March 5.
- Nutrition Education featuring Heart Health will be held on Monday, March 9.
- Tax Freeze applications are now being accepted through May 15.
- There is only one more month to apply for energy assistance.

Recreation:

- Evening line dancing is starting back up this Monday, March 9 for 6 weeks. The cost is \$5 per class.
- Under consideration is adding a Tai Chi class at 5:00 on Thursday nights. It would be a fee class, not a Senior Center sponsored class. Lainy suggested an additional Senior Center class be added on Friday mornings. Brian will talk to the instructor to see what is possible..
- This Saturday, March 7 from 10-1 is the last winter farmers market. We are looking for a new market master for the summer season.

- Discussions have taken place with town officials regarding charging non-residents a one time annual fee of \$50 to participate in our programs. The proposed fee would cover the fiscal year from July 1 to June 30 of the following year. Carol suggested we charge \$50 every six months to accommodate those people that are only here part of the year. Diane suggested timing payments to coincide with the recreation cycles. Brian indicated that the annual fee was chosen for ease of record keeping. Morgan commented that the wait list situation for classes would become complicated if the charge was not just a flat annual fee. She also suggested that we might consider charging half if someone joins after six months have elapsed.
- Jen, the Mobility class instructor, would like to offer a Pain Management workshop with a colleague. They are available any day after 1:30 for this one session class. Brian will try to schedule it for April.

Food Services:

- Bev outlined several needed kitchen supplies to include large parchment paper, large aluminum foil, peanut butter, and jelly. She requested up to \$300 for purchase of supplies. A motion was made by Doug Marden to allow up to \$300 for kitchen supplies, seconded by Diane Coe. All in favor. **Motion passed.**
- Bev also expressed the need for a folding handicap table to accommodate two wheelchairs. At present disabled seniors in wheelchairs cannot attend the Senior lunches comfortably. Morgan Perry will look into options and prices for the next meeting.

Finance Report:

- Carol emailed everyone the financial report prior to the meeting.
- Approval of bills

February Breakfast reimbursements:

- \$71.45 Lainy Melvin
- \$94.80 Wendy Manemeit
- \$61.08 Norm Hicks
- \$213.05 Durham Market (donated the bread) for January soup lunch
- \$83.33 Rose Bartholomew January secretary invoice
- Beverly Pederson moved that the Board approve the above payments, Diane Coe seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

- Approval of \$250 to Paul Penders for the March program music to come out of the Julia C. Bryant fund was requested. Diane Coe moved to approve the payment, Coleen Sturkin seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion passed.**
- Carol Kleeman brought up the possibility of the Town decreasing our budget if we continue to not spend it. To that end, Lainy suggested we purchase a chargeable battery hand held vacuum to clean up around the plants in the Senior Center. This purchase can fall under the money approved for kitchen supplies. Brian suggested we buy more catered food rather than the Board members donating their labor. All agreed that the budget can support those costs.

Bridge:

No report, Jim Martinelli was not in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

- Valentine breakfast was well attended and received.
- The St. Patrick's Day luncheon is next Friday, March 13. Krauszers will provide the corned beef, soft rolls, and cole slaw. Doug will purchase cookie trays at BJ's. We will make the sandwiches and can put them in the warmer. Diane suggested that we order more corned beef than we did last year. Once the fat was pulled off, there was not a lot of meat with which to make the sandwiches. Bev brought up the very popular raffle items. Ideas for gift certificates included Durham Dairy Serve, Durham Pharmacy, and Durham Market. Bev requested a volunteer to take pictures and post them on FaceBook to promote our events.

NEW BUSINESS

- The April 16 luncheon at noon will include a presentation on Senior Resources. Pizza and salad will be on the menu.
- Anne Cassidy, Readers Theatre, would like to do a program on May 14 at 7PM. Lainy suggested that the Senior Board provide dessert & coffee at 6:30PM to encourage attendance. Due to timing, it was decided to keep it simple and just do a cookie tray. Diane Coe made a motion for the Senior Board to sponsor Readers Theatre, Doug Marden seconded. All in favor. **Motion passed.**
- America 250 - discussion around the Senior Board sponsoring some type of program. Everyone was asked to consider what we might do, if anything.

There being no further discussion, a motion to adjourn was made by Doug Marden and seconded by Diane Coe. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:07 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25 at 1:15 PM at the Durham Community Center Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemarie Bartholomew
Secretary