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DURHAM SENIOR CITIZENS BOARD
May 27, 2025
1:15 PM
DURHAM COMMUNITY CENTER

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Lainy Melvin at 1:15 PM

Roll Call: In attendance, Chairperson Lainy Melvin, Diane Coe, Simone Howe, Carol Kleeman, Doug Marden, Jim Martinelli, Bev Pedersen, Coleen Sturkin, Social Services Director Morgan Perry.

Absent: Norm Hicks, Recreation Director Brian Medeiros, Secretary Rosemarie Bartholomew

Public Comment: None

Approve agenda: Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Carol Kleeman and seconded by Beverly Pedersen. All in favor. **Motion passed**

Approve minutes of April 22, 2026: Motion to approve the minutes of April 22, 2026 as presented was made by Jim Martinelli and seconded by Doug Martin. All in favor. **Motion passed**

REPORTS

Social Services:

-Rentals Rebate applications will be taken April 1 to September 30. Contact Social Services office for an appointment. Must be 65 as of December 31, 2025 or be eligible to receive permanent total disability benefits. Income limits: \$46,300 (unmarried) or \$56,500 (married)

-TUMM! Community Dinners: Next one is June 4: Pulled pork and a vegan dish. Sign up online or call Morgan. Asking folks to bring a side or dessert. Volunteers of any age wanted for future meals. They would be partnered with youth and given a recipe for a dish. No dinner in July.

-Blood Drive: July 16 from 10 AM to 3 PM, Community Center room three. There will be a link to sign up or folks can call Morgan-Chronic Disease Self Management six week workshop will be held in the fall. The class will be taught by Morgan and Sherry Carlson from CRAHD. Six week commitment, need a minimum of eight and a max of 16 to run the class.

-Table for Wheelchair: Simone reported that she had contacted both Staples and Hancock Pharmacy, as had been discussed during the April meeting, and neither one deals with disability furniture. Morgan reported that she and Carolyn Havrda found ADA wheelchair tables on Amazon Business. There would be no delivery charge. The initial motion to order one table was amended by Diane Coe to order two tables costing up to \$900. Seconded by Carol Kleeman. All in favor. **Motion passed**

Recreation Director:

Brian Medeiros absent. No report

Food Services Director: Beverly Pedersen requested a scale for the kitchen and a case 300 dessert paper dishes. Diane Coe made a motion to approve these requests with the maximum expenditure of \$200. Jim Martinelli seconded. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Finance report: Carol Kleeman reported that about \$3,780 remains in the budget. Lainy requested \$340 for payment to Perk On Main for sandwiches and fruit for the April luncheon. Motion made by Diane Coe to approve the expenditure, seconded by Doug Martin. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Bridge: Jim Martinelli reported that the number in attendance varies from week to week. He has about 40 people on his list.

OLD BUSINESS

- Diane Coe reported that the shatterproof mirror is working out great.
- Lainy Melvin reported that it will cost \$650 to move the Baby Grand piano. The current piano will be stored for the time being.
- The wheelchair accessible table was discussed as noted above under Social Services
- The Readers' Theater evening was a great success with many in attendance
- The April luncheon was enjoyed by all. The board will try to have an annual Durham history lunch every May

NEW BUSINESS

- The Senior Board will participate in the Bicentennial Picnic and Art Show at the Durham Community Center on June 6. There will be no senior luncheon in June
- Lainy Melvin was approached by Albert Ruggiero who would be interested in presenting the book "Pearls from Carol", a collection of autobiographical anecdotes and stories written by his late wife, at a senior program. This will be considered in the fall.
- There will be no senior board meeting in July or August. The next senior luncheon will be on September 11 and the topic will be about the Durham Fair.

DISCUSSION

Carol Kleeman suggested that a mounted screen above the current mural in the dining area would be useful. Lainy and others commented on the fact that the portable screen currently being used works out well.

A motion to adjourn was made at 1:55 PM by Jim Martinelli and seconded by Carol Kleeman. All in favor. **Motion passed**

The next Senior Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 24 at 1:15 PM at the Durham Community Center

Respectfully submitted,
Simone Howe
Acting secretary