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DURHAM SENIOR CITIZENS BOARD

June 24, 2026

1:15 PM

DURHAM COMMUNITY CENTER

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Lainy Melvin at 1:12 PM.

Roll Call: In attendance: Chairperson Lainy Melvin, Diane Coe, Norm Hicks, Carol Kleeman, Doug Marden, Jim Martinelli, Bev Pedersen, Coleen Sturkin, Recreation Director Brian Medeiros, Rosemarie Bartholomew, Secretary.

Absent: Simone Howe, Morgan Perry

Public Comment: None

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

Approve minutes of 5/27/2026: Motion to approve the 5/27/26 minutes as presented was made by Diane Coe and seconded by Norman Hicks. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS

Social Services: Morgan is on vacation; hence, no report.

Recreation:

- Summer concerts are starting again tomorrow. The goal is to have food trucks at the events.

Food Services:

- The kitchen needs a microwave. Bev presented what she wanted at a cost of \$130 from Amazon. No expenditures can be made until the new fiscal year beginning 7/1/26. Diane Coe made a motion to approve the purchase of the microwave Bev picked out from Amazon for no more than \$150 as of 7/1/26. Bev Pedersen seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion passed.**
- The kitchen is all supplied and ready for September.

Finance Report:

- Carol presented the status of the budget. There is only \$149.69 remaining, not including any of our outstanding bills.
- Approval of bills
 - \$650 to Two Brothers Moving Co for the moving of the piano. Jim Martinelli motioned that the bill be approved now to be paid after July 1. Diane Coe seconded the motion. All in favor, **motion passed**.
- Due to our budget shortage, Diane Coe brought up charging out of town participants for programs to partially offset the program expenses we incur, which use the largest part of our budget. We will need to work with the Recreation Department to get this implemented. The income should partially offset the expense to the Senior Board.

The mechanics of how out-of-town fees will work were discussed with Brian Medeiros when he arrived. The imposition of out-of-town fees has already been agreed to by the Town. The only piece left to decide is how much the fees will be and how/when they will be assessed. Brian anticipates starting the fees sometime during July. Fees will be charged per class. It was suggested that the charges be made quarterly to match the class schedule. Brian will handle implementation through the Recreation Department.

Bridge:

The program is still growing as two more couples are joining the bridge group.

OLD BUSINESS

- Baby Grand Piano update - it has been delivered and is in place in the Senior Center.
- Handicap Tables have been delivered.
- Bicentennial Art Show & Picnic did not have the attendance anticipated, but was a great event.

NEW BUSINESS

- September & October programs:
 - A presentation by the Durham Fair Association is proposed for the September 11 luncheon. Lainy will contact the Fair Association to see if they can send someone to talk to Seniors about Fair information and history. Proposed food will be hot dogs, some kind of salad and an ice cream novelty.
 - For October we will explore having a Book Talk with Al Ruggiero, whose deceased wife Carol wrote Pearls from Carol about her life experience.

- Time Capsule: Lainy is gathering items for a Senior time capsule. She read aloud the letter she wrote to be included with the artifacts she is gathering. She also read aloud letters written by Diane Coe and Carol Kleeman.
- Nominations of Officers for 2027:
 - Chairman - Jim Martinelli moved and Diane Coe seconded the nomination of Lainy Melvin for Chairwoman.
 - Vice Chair - Diane Coe moved and Jim Martinelli seconded the nomination of Norm Hicks for Vice Chairman.
 - There being no further nominations, Lainy declared the nominations closed.
 - A vote was taken. All in favor of the nominations as presented. The officer slate for 2027 **passed** unanimously.

There being no further discussion, a motion to adjourn was made at 2:10 by Norm and seconded by many. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

The next Senior Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16 at 1:15 PM at the Durham Community Center Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemarie Bartholomew
Secretary