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DURHAM SENIOR CITIZENS BOARD

September 16, 2026

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, Norm Hicks, Simone Howe, Carol Kleeman, Doug Marden, Jim Martinelli, Bev Pedersen, Coleen Sturkin, Social Services Director Morgan Perry, Recreation Director Brian Medeiros, Rosemarie Bartholomew, Secretary.

Absent: None

Public Comment: None

Approve agenda: Norm Hicks made a motion to approve today's agenda with an amendment. He moved to amend the agenda to remove agenda item #6, Bridge Consultant, which he indicates is not a Senior Board activity. Diane Coe seconded. A lively discussion ensued during which time Carol Kleeman made a motion to postpone the final decision on Bridge as a Senior Board activity until we investigate where the funding money comes from. Diane seconded. The motion to postpone a final decision on bridge passed 6 yes to 2 no. The motion to approve today's agenda as amended passed 5 yes to 3 no. **Both motions passed.**

Approve minutes of 6/24/2026: Motion to approve the 6/24/26 minutes as presented was made by Norm Hicks and seconded by Carol Kleeman, Simone Howe abstained due to her absence from that meeting. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS

Social Services:

- Renters Rebate application are being accepted through September 30
- Energy assistance applications can be made online or through Morgan
- Chronic Disease Self Management workshop is a 6 week series that started last week. No new attendees after this week
- Vaccine clinics 9/22 and 10/13 noon to 6PM, 11/10 8:00 AM to noon
- Lunch & Learn 9/30 at noon, topic is Navigating the Health Care System

- Prepared & Empowered is a 4 part series. The next session is 10/8 at 6PM with the topic Organize Your Life, Be Ready for Anything
- October 14 Lunch & Learn at noon, topic Medicare Fraud & Scams
- AARP safe driving class is 10/20 from 9AM to 1PM
- New to MediCare presentation on 11/14 at 5PM
- TUMM! dinners going very well, 60-70 attendees. The next one is 11/5 at 5:30. Volunteers to cook with the children are always welcome
- Wheelchair tables have arrived. One is set up and ready for use, the other has damage that is being assessed.

Recreation:

- We are now charging out of town exercise participants. The fee is \$15 or \$10 depending on the number of sessions included. The first segment covers September through December. We have received \$360 since the fee started two weeks ago. Brian will investigate where the fees are being deposited since they should be applied against our instructor expenses.
- All program attendance numbers are up and are composed of mostly Durham, Middlefield, and Rockfall residents.
- The final summer concert was cancelled twice due to weather, looking for a new date for Kings of Karma to perform.
- Brian will investigate the resident vs non-resident breakdown for Sue Schade's Zoom class. They are currently not being charged. This class has the highest instructor expense.

Food Services:

- Bev thanked the kitchen help, specifically Diane Coe and Carol Kleeman for their help at last Friday's lunch.
- Purchase requests: dessert bowls, creamers, and stirrers. Carol Kleeman moved to approve up to \$150 for these purchases, Diane Coe made the second. All in favor. **Motion passed.**
- Krauzers and the 250 Club donated all the food for the last luncheon.

Finance Report:

- No bills to approve.
- The budget for 2026-2027 is \$30,442 of which \$26,142 is remaining.

Bridge:

- Removed from today's agenda by the earlier vote.

OLD BUSINESS

- Brian covered the fee situation with out of town exercise participants in his report.

NEW BUSINESS

- Upcoming programs
 - The September lunch program was a success.
 - Friday, October 16: Book Talk with Albert Ruggiero, whose deceased wife Carol wrote Pearls from Carol about her life experience. Menu will be soup (Durham Market), tossed salad and bread (not heated).
 - Friday, November 6: Veterans Day Program with patriotic music from the CRHS Band. Menu pizza (Carmines) and salad.
 - Friday, December 4: Potluck holiday luncheon with holiday music from the CRHS jazz combo.

OTHER DISCUSSION

Jim Martinelli gave a report on the Bridge group. Bridge picked up 4 new members and is now regularly running 6+ tables. Ours is one of the largest bridge events in the State. The youngest participant is 75. As some have had to move out of town for assisted living facilities, and the program is run by a volunteer, Bridge participants will not be charged a fee at this time. Jim has arranged a staff person to cover the Bridge during his vacation. The Board thanked Jim for his efforts as there would be no Bridge program without him.

Norm Hicks announced that Readers Theatre will be held on 10/23 at Kalmia Gardens at 7PM and 10/25 at the Russell Library at 2:00 The production is a 2 person play.

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

The next Senior Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 28 at 1:15 PM at the Durham Community Center Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemarie Bartholomew
Secretary