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DURHAM SENIOR CITIZENS BOARD
October 28, 2026
1:15 PM
DURHAM COMMUNITY CENTER

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Lainy Melvin at 1:20 PM.

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

Guest: Beth Moncata, Finance Director

Absent: Norm Hicks

Public Comment:.None

Approve agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Carol Kleeman and seconded by Simone Howe. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Approve minutes of 9/16/2026: Motion to approve the 9/16/26 minutes as presented was made by Diane Coe and seconded by Simone Howe. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS

Social Services:

- 11/2 Nutrition Education: Processed vs Natural Foods, 12 PM
- 11/4 New to Medicare presentation, 5 PM
- 11/5 TUMM dinner, 5:30 Thanksgiving dinner
- 11/10 vaccine clinic 8AM - 12 PM
- 11/12 Prepared & Empowered 6 PM
- 12/9 Lunch & Learn AED & CPR information, 12 PM
- Collecting Thanksgiving basket donations
- Energy assistance season, contact Morgan
- Medicare open enrollment 10/15 - 12/7

Recreation:

- Trunk or Treat last weekend - over 300 kids - great weather, great time! Lainy represented the Seniors with her decorated trunk.
- Classes are going strong. We are looking for a new yoga instructor.
- Pink Zumba party raised over $400 for breast cancer.
- Holiday tree lighting is the first Saturday December, 12/5.
- Out of town program fees: money is **not** going into the Senior budget to offset expenses. It is instead going into revenue for the Town of Durham.
- Brian Medeiros and Beth Moncata presented a draft Policy for Senior Recreation Programs. The Senior Board was asked to reflect on the policy proposal and come to the November meeting prepared to suggest changes and/or edits. There was a lot of discussion around online classes. The draft proposal is attached to the minutes for everyone's consideration and comments for the November meeting.

Food Services:

- Veterans' Day: Lunch will be Carmines pizza and salad, sparkling cider, Doug will order a cake to serve 50 people, Lainy is making boutonnieres.
- Bev needs to purchase placemats. Carol Kleeman moved to allow up to $150 for the purchase of placemats. Diane Coe seconded the motion. All in favor, **motion passed.**
- Bev would like to encourage donations of silverware - forks, spoons, and soup spoons - to be used at the Senior lunches.

Finance Report:

- $22,301.98 remaining for 8 months
- Bills
    - $92.94 Amazon creamers
    - $57.08 Amazon stirrers & bowls
    - $30.00 Carol Kleeman for door prizes
    - $$262.64 Durham Market for soup
    - $39.98 to Bev Pedersen for cookies & brownies
    - $100 to Rose Bartholomew, September secretarial services

Motion to approve the above bills was made by Simone Howe, seconded by Jim Martinelli. All in favor. **Motion passed**.

- Diane requested that our disposable spending budget be reported each month rather than the budget balance. Disposable spending would be net of the committed instructor salaries of approximately $7,000/month. This would provide a truer picture of how much money we actually have left to spend.

Bridge:

- A new couple joined, and two Durham residents have asked to learn to play.
- Snow birds are moving away for the winter.
- Bridge averages 22-24 people each week.

OLD BUSINESS

- Re-opened tabled discussion of whether or not the Bridge Consultant report should be on or off the Senior Board agenda. Both Lainy and Simone spoke in favor of keeping Bridge on the agenda with others voicing their support as well. Simone Howe motioned that the Bridge Consultant report should remain on our monthly agenda, Bev Pedersen seconded, all in favor, **motion passed**.
- Veterans' Day Lunch is Friday, 11/6. The CRHS brass choir will entertain. The lunch menu is as stated above. Lainy is looking for a list of local veterans to invite.
- Holiday Lunch will be a pot luck luncheon.

NEW BUSINESS

- Out of town program registration fees do **not** come to the Senior Board as income. They are instead directed to the Town of Durham's revenue.

OTHER DISCUSSION

There being no further discussion, a motion to adjourn was made at 2:22 by Jim Martinelli and seconded by Simone Howe. All in favor. **Motion passed**.

The next Senior Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18 at 1:15 PM at the Durham Community Center Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemarie Bartholomew
Secretary