

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by Jenny Ohren at the Senior Center.

The board members present were Jenny Ohren, Connie Barkley, Dee Martin, Terry Brandon, Jim Wilson, and Joanne Pfau. Representing the Senior Center were Larry Ferguson (bookkeeper), Carrie Brandon (volunteer coordinator), and Rose Hope (safety committee). Also attending was Simone Stewart, who will be the new executive director.

The guests present Diane Stone, Kay Strobel, John Piper, Dave Marinos, Candy Pressnal, and Steve Rasmussen.

2. Public Comment- 3 minutes There were no comments from the public.

3. Approve Meeting Minutes from November 29

Terry Brandon moved to approve the minutes of the Nov. 29, 2023 meeting. Jim Wilson seconded. The motion passed.

4. Introduction of the new ED, Simone Stewart

Simon Stewart now works at Western Oregon University in the office of diversity, equity, and inclusion. She shared with us her background in various communities and leadership roles. She is very interested and invested in the aging population.

5. Volunteer Coordinator Report

Carrie Brandon shared the names of current volunteers for the main desk and expressed the need for more volunteers. She asked the Board members to help out.

6. Response to James Day at Our Town

Terry Brandon and Jenny Ohren will talk to him.

7. Financial Report- Terry Brandon

Please see the attached financial report.

Jim Wilson moved to accept the financial report. Dee Martin seconded. The motion passed.

8. Budget Presentation

Please see the attached proposed budget.

Terry Brandon presented the proposed budget for the Silverton Senior Center for 2024. He said that he will never propose a budget that projects a loss for the year.

Jim Wilson moved to accept the proposed budget. Connie Barkley seconded. The motion passed.

9. Banking- Willamette Valley Bank- who are the signers

We previously approved to deposit \$15,000 in an interest earning checking account at Willamette Valley Bank. Terry Brandon asked that we increase that sum to \$20,000. Joanne Pfau moved to deposit \$20,000 in a checking account at Willamette Valley Bank and the signers on this account will be Jenny Ohren and Terry Brandon. Jim Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jim Wilson moved that Jenny Ohren get a debit card at Citizens Bank. Terry Brandon seconded. The motion passed. This will help prepare the monthly breakfasts.

10. Approval of changes to Safety Policy

The Board all feel that Rose Hope does an amazing job with the Safety Committee. Because of problems with the copier, the revised version of the Safety Policy could not be printed, shared, and discussed. The revisions will be shared via email with the changes printed in red. Jenny Ohren asked the Board members to review these changes and approve or disapprove them also by email.

11. Facilities Report

Jim Wilson reported that some of our projects have been delayed due to difficulty connecting with some people at the city. He also shared that he still needs a set of keys for the building and storage areas. He still plans on trying to temporarily turn off the exterior electrical outlets.

12. Fundraising Report

Jenny Ohren reported that so far, the Center has received \$37,372 in donations toward the goal of \$50,000 that an anonymous donor has pledged to match. Donations, large and small, continue to be received. The Center thanks all those who have donated.

Connie Barkley said that the fundraising calendar still has plenty of space for more fundraising activities. She suggested doing a Murder Mystery in October.

13. The next meeting will be December 27, 2023 at 1:00 pm at the Senior Center. The public is welcome to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm by Jenny Ohren.

An Executive Session was held after the meeting today.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Pfau, secretary