

APRIL 22, 2025, MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES - final

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Johanna MacNee (president), John Gotts (secretary), Lori Sleed (treasurer), Chet Morris (trustee), Carol Gregg (trustee), Donna Lewis (trustee)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Slim Dewitt, Marlin Israel, Joyce Wisinger, Valerie Birdsong, Linda Carson, Bill Carson, Christi Grim, Emma Knight, Sue Weaver, Lyle Stamper, Deloris Hix

President Johanna MacNee called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

REMINDERS

- * **Speak when you are recognized to do so by the president**
- * **Only speak once to any matter before the meeting**
- * **No matters have come forward to be put on the agenda**

Policy for approving minutes:

Draft minutes will be sent out via email (copies of these minutes will be available at the SC) to all SC members who attended the meeting. Members will have 10 days to contact the secretary with corrections. If there are substantive corrections, the minutes will need to be held over to the next Member Meeting. After the 10 day period minutes will stand as approved. Then the minutes will be sent to the whole membership. Please note that the financial statements will not be attached. Board Meeting minutes will be processed the same way this the exception that the approved minutes will be sent to all board members.

Minutes from the January Membership Meeting have been approved.

Minutes will be available to members online, and at the SC, after they are approved.

POEM: Slim Dewitt read [a poem dedicated to, and in memory of, Colleen Blair.](#)

BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Board members present were introduced. (see list above)

COMMITTEES: The president answered questions that members have been asking her concerning committees.

The center has one standing committee: the **Dance Committee**. This committee consists of Kathy Burton, Sue Weaver and Valerie Birdsong. The committee is to collectively decide which dances are to be taught and when, and which teachers to ask to teach those classes. The committee's purpose is also to promote classes that conform to national or international standards, so that students are able to dance to that standard outside of the LC Valley.

When the committee has made decisions, they report to the Senior Center Board for approval.

There is also an ad hoc **Bylaw Committee**. This committee consists of Chet Morris, Emma Knight, and Johanna MacNee. They have a short-term assignment to review the current by-laws to update them. They have been compiling necessary and requested changes, and will present an updated version of the bylaws at the next membership meeting for approval.

REPORTS

1. TREASURER'S REPORT - Lori

* **Bingo** - Lori explained how the bingo game is run, and how most of the buy-in and extra ticket money goes back into the game for payouts. The Center retains a small door donation amount, plus a 12th of buy-in + extra cards sold, plus an estimate of extra coffee sold to players. This money goes into the Center's bingo bank account. We are taxed by the gaming commission on our 12th of the total pot.

Our 12th of the pot amounted to \$218 from January through April 22nd. We made \$610 from donations + coffee. So, the total profit for that period was $\$218 + \$610 = \$828$ less tax on the \$218 by the gambling commission.

Will put more flyers into Lewiston to advertise more widely. We are having a good time and have gained several memberships from game players.

* **New Accountant** - The new accountant will do an audit of last year's books soon, and will be entering our current books into their system to start providing standard accounting reports. We pay them \$80/month. They delayed work on our books to deal with the tax season rush.

Ole motions we accept the treasurer's report, as presented. Carol 2nds. Approved.

Chet spoke with Avista in Spokane. Our "comfort level" is \$319, based on our recent highs (\$469 January gas, \$333 July electric), and recent lows (\$19 June gas, \$91 April electric). After our April 25th Avista payment, they can set us up on a comfort-level payment plan.

It was generally agreed that *we want to proceed with a change in billing to comfort level.*

2. HOSTESS REPORT - Morning coffees are going nicely, and we are building up attendance. "We are gaining ground."

We made ~\$100 on our three recent breakfasts, and the breakfasts were enjoyed by the participants. To continue we need more people to do it.

It was suggested that we consider food donations or ear-marked money, so the person doing the breakfast can do the shopping based on their estimated needs using the ear-marked money.

Members are asked to consider how often to have breakfasts, and let anyone on the board know. *[Afterthought: the secretary could put together a survey.]*

3. JAM SESSION REPORT - We had 18 musicians last Friday. *The announcement to stand for the pledge needs to be a bit louder to get the attention of the coffee crowd.*

4. DANCE COMMITTEE REPORT - A 4-week class of country 2-step starts this coming Sunday (April 27th). During the same 4 weeks, there will be two west coast swing intermediate level workshops taught by Cam Griffin, followed by a Cha-Cha refresher taught by Mont Hibbard. On May 18th we will have a ladies west coast swing “tune up” taught by Cam.

The summer session (summer recess – June, July & August) will have a west coast clinic at 6:00 p.m. on Sundays. It will be \$5/person, and only members may participate. *If anybody wants more dancing workshops this summer, line up an instructor and a time, and the dance committee will publish it.*

Christi motioned and Emma 2nds to *proceed with the suggested summer session.* Approved.

5. DANCE REPORT - We would like to encourage folks to come to the Thursday dances.

Suggestions:

- Consider just 1 potluck per month, and limit to desserts or snacks at the rest.
- Move the “3rd Thursday” dance to after practice on Sunday.
- Change from potlucks to something less costly for food providers, such as a taco bar.
- The Center is planning a taco bar for our May 1st (“1st Thursday”) dance.
- Advertise more and strive to include “all levels of dancers”.
- Naming dances appropriate for playlist songs might be intimidating to “freestyle” dancers.

We will try to keep these things in mind as we plan for future Thursday dances.

6. HOUSEKEEPING REPORT - Carol appreciated the help getting the large cupboards sorted out in the back room. It would be appreciated for people to police crumbs and generally clean up. *Carol usually comes in ~10 a.m. for an hour on Saturdays. Announce this for volunteers.*

7. RENTAL UPDATE REPORT - Consider reducing rental pricing to \$1,250. We’ve been asking \$1,400. April says it is basically a 2 bedroom house, and \$1,250 is reasonable, which is very attractive. She also advises against further improvements, until we have revenue.

Still need a walk-way to the back door (cement pavers have been under consideration) for protection of the wood floor. That would cost less than \$100. Another possibility is put in a wooden walkway using pallets that are available for free from a company that gets aluminum on those pallets (known to Slim). Put gravel up to the edges, so there is less possibility of a person stepping off and injuring an ankle. Small river rock can be spread on top of the existing

pea gravel. (The Board has already approved the expense of the pavers, and are awaiting an estimate for the river rock.)

OLD BUSINESS

8. BYLAWS CHANGES - The ad hoc committee to consider bylaw changes met, and progress has been made. *Updated bylaws will be presented at the July membership meeting.*

* Bylaw ad hoc committee members are: Chet Morris, Johanna MacMee, Emma Knight

* *Put change requests in writing and give them to Chet, Johanna, Emma, or Dillese.*

9. AVISTA SIGNAGE - We can re-apply for an Avista-sponsored reader board in July. Avista sponsored 63 signs in their recent round, and will help us walk the next application through – for a 2'x4' sign.

10. BOOKS - have been removed from the back room.

11. SUPPORT BEAMS in the basement need to be shored up.. (kept on agenda)

NEW BUSINESS

12. CENTER NAME CHANGE - We would like to change the name to something closer to what we represent. Our bylaws have explicitly no restriction on age. We are more of an activity center than a “senior” center. Our recent donation to the bluegrass festival refers to us as the Clarkston Sixth Street Activity Center. This was discussed by the ad hoc committee for bylaw changes. There are a number of ways we can do this, including retaining the current name and DBA as the new name. Chet checked the IRS website and there is no effect on our non-profit status if we change the name. There was discussion of how to address the canopy signage, e.g. cross out “Senior” and write “Activity” above it. The signage for the bluegrass festival has a “Sixth Street Activity Center” logo.

Emma motioned and Slim 2nds that we *change the name to Clarkston 6th Street Activity Center*. Approved. *[The secretary was uncertain whether the motion called for “6th” or “Sixth”.]*

13. FOOD HANDLER DOCUMENTATION - Do we need a permit? Do we need to have certified people? Especially for our Wednesday a.m. breakfasts if public non-members attend. The cost of obtaining a food handler certification is \$10. The question of implications will be turned over to the people in charge of coordinating the breakfasts.

14. SC PARKING SPOTS - We might need more signage. We plan to put a note on the windshield of the current primary offender who continues to park in one of our spaces.

15. POSSIBLE PROJECTS FOR US TO DO AS A PUBLIC SERVICE:

- * Eyeglass and hearing aid collection box to be delivered periodically to the Lion's club.
- * Craft sale, Rummage sale (Christi knows someone to facilitate a craft sale in October.)

16. YOUR VISION FOR THE CENTER - *The SC Board would like to know what the membership invisions for the center. What is needed and what is wanted. Talk to the board members. Even better put it in writing.*

If you have ideas of what we can do to serve the community - let us know.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Benefits for members - don't forget to claim them during your birthday month

One free dance, one free coffee, one free bingo card, lower Center rental fee

May 1st - dance - Bodi Dominguez

May 15th - dance

May 29th - Very Senior Prom Dance

potluck - what might you eat at a prom, or a dinner out before the prom?

Thank you all around for everyone who helps the Center function and makes this an enjoyable place.

Ole motions and Emma 2nds that we adjourn. Approved.

ADJOURN - to reconvene July 22, 2025, 6:00 PM