

Community Center Minutes 2/17/16

*Lenox Community Center
Board Meeting
February 17, 2016*

Attendance: Sheri Gaherty-Co-Chair, Rose Casey, Kim Graham-Director, Mike Cooney, and Francie Sorrentino. Jen Lambert- Youth Coordinator, Simon Boret and Mark Gillon, from GPS Stateline Soccer Program, joins us tonight to talk about our Youth Soccer Program. Tony Patella-Chairman and Steve Coon are absent.

Public Comment: NONE

Acceptance of Minutes: Minutes amended to show that Rose Casey was in attendance at our December 16, 2015 meeting. Minutes accepted as amended.

Soccer Presentation: Simon and Mark, tell us that they would like to change our Youth Soccer Program a bit. Lenox Community Center would still be in charge of sign ups and Sponsor money. Simon and Mark would be in charge of teams and coaches and field set up and such. Other changes would include the time frame in which Youth Soccer runs. Simon and Mark would like to run for 75 minutes and go by age rather than grade. These changes would not impact the cost to families. Jen will set Registration guidelines with initial registration fee being \$30.00 per player, with LATE registration costing \$50.00 per player. The Sponsor's money would continue to all come to the Center, however, we would split the Registration fees with GPS Stateline Soccer Program, and they will purchase the shirts and socks with the money. Kim Graham talks of a cut of number, Kim is expecting an increase in numbers. Last year we had 68 kids – we could go up to 42 in each group. Kim states that all paper work would come through the Center. GPS Stateline will hold a Spring Clinic at the school. GPS Stateline carries their own insurance as well.

Mike Cooney makes a motion to accept GPS Stateline changes to our Youth Soccer Program – Rose Casey second the motion – It's a go.

Youth Services Report: This report is from January.

Senior Report: This report is from January. (With the meetings being close together there really isn't much change in Youth and Senior reports.)

Highlights include- Father Daughter Dance sponsored by Girl Scout Troop # 64557 is on Saturday, February 13th, held here at the Center from 6:30-8:30.

Pisani's Workshop Hammer-Build-Glue took place again Saturday February 27th from Noon to 1:30.

Red Cross babysitting course is advertised, the course will run for 6 hours here at the Center and lunch will be provided.

Senior Report: Sue reports that we have an increase in participation in our programs with 25 to 28 people gathering for lunch. Melbourne did our Valentine lunch. St. Patty's Day luncheon will be March 11th. We find new people coming to the "special" lunches and are showing interest in other activities as well.

*SHINE is still “bright” and continues to be popular.
Exercise class has 5 new people.
AARP Tax program runs through March, all 60 slots are filled.*

Kim asked Sue to reach out to some of our “well elders” ages 55 to 75, to do a mailing of services; we hope to have a report on this next meeting.

Van is hugely popular with 30 new people in 2015 using this service. Kim is asking Sue to keep numbers on services offered as Kim is expecting a cut in services to the Center. Having a person 6 hours a day, 4 days a week may not be necessary and should be monitored. Rose feels that people in the age bracket may not feel they need assistance – referrals are great, COA is a referral service. We should perhaps look into shared services with neighboring towns.

Director’s Report: Kim hands out a page to add to our Budget packet which has a quote from Pignatelli Electric for Universal Lighting for the Center. Kim also handed out the letter for the Town Report describing the Center and year long activity.

Sheri asks about Life Guards – Kim will start looking in March. Kim thinks we may change policy of 2 years water front requirement. We would be looking for a Head Life Guard, a Senior Life Guard and regular Life Guards.

CPC agreed to support all \$169,000.00 for the Beach renovation. We have put aside the \$144,000.00 approved at Town Meeting.

Kim shares with us that Chief Steven O’Brien received an award of \$500.00 and he donated \$250.00 to the Center Assistance Account. Thank you Chief O’Brien.

New/Old Business: NONE

Meeting adjourned 7:12pm

Respectively submitted,

Francie Sheehan Sorrentino