

Derby Commission on the Elderly  
Minutes of the Meeting  
September 3, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Shirley Erickson, Chair, at 3:05 at the Derby Senior Center.

Members Present: Mrs. Erickson, Virginia Costigan, Elizabeth Lally, Jennifer Desroches, Michael McFarland, Ronald Sill, Joan Shaw

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were no members of the public present.

The new Director of the Senior Center, Christine Sonsini, and the Assistant Director, Dawn Hebert, were introduced and welcomed. Mrs. Erickson presented the Director with a copy of the Mission Statement of the Derby Commission on the Elderly. The Director's Report was read and accepted unanimously on a motion by Ms Desroches, seconded by Ms Lally.

Discussion centered around the needs of the Senior Center and its members, as well as the needs of seniors in the community at large. Defibrillators are in the building. However, not enough people are trained to use them. Ms Sonsini will contact the Storm Engine Company to arrange training for staff and others interested.

Ms Sonsini met with Mayor Dziekan regarding security in the building. Members have expressed concern regarding security as has the Commission. Dan Sexton will work increased hours at the Center so that there will always be two staff people in the building. Ms. Desroches stated that the camera system in the building is in need of a hard drive. Ms Sonsini has requested a company technician to address the camera issue.

A bus was purchased by the Senior Center in August from Valley Transit District using \$4999.00 in donated funds as facilitated by the Commission on the Elderly. There remains \$20,001 to be used by the Center in transportation areas. Public Works will overhaul the bus and it will be used solely by senior citizens in Derby. Those who want to use the bus must be members of the Derby Senior Center. A schedule for use will be determined when the bus becomes available.

Ms Sonsini stated that the monthly newsletter will go to a bulk mailing company for processing at no cost to the Center. The interior of the building will be painted and carpets will be cleaned by the City of Derby, All ceiling light fixtures will be updated in September to new LED units.

Mrs. Erickson thanked Ms Sonsini and Ms Hebert for their reports and they left the meeting.

Ms Lally moved to accept the minutes of the June meeting. Ms Deroches seconded. Motion passed unanimously. On a motion by Mr. Sill, seconded by Ms Desroches the meeting was adjourned at 4:25. The next meeting will be held at 3:00 on Monday, October 7, 2019 at the Derby Senior Center.

Respectfully,

Joan Shaw  
Secretary