

WILSON SENIOR ADVISORY ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY MEETING OCTOBER 13, 2021
TIME 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: WILSON LOUNGE

MEMBERS PRESENT

Royce Shook, Gwendoline Turpin, Ruth Watson, Pat Dales, Joan Mullen, Linda Lou Bartlett, George Lukach, Teresa Foreman, Karen Dobson

Regrets: Karen Madill, Juanita Franco

Absent: Lynn MacKenzie, Wendy Rachwalski, Sharon Martin

STAFF PRESENT

Yvonne Comfort, Melissa Wilson, Julie Deroff

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 10:03 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to Adopt Agenda by Gwendoline. Seconded by Pat. Carried.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the prior meeting moved by Gwendoline. Seconded by Karen. Carried.

STAFF REPORT

Yvonne discussed ongoing changes and improvements in the PCRCC (Port Coquitlam, Recreation and Community Centre, to be referred to as The Centre). The seamstresses from The Gathering Place will start meeting at The Centre.

The Centre is gradually being completed and Yvonne invites feedback on what is working and what is not working. Gwendoline asked why, when a senior member goes onto the website that the Senior section does not pop up, ready for use? Yvonne explained that the software is not that sophisticated yet. Changes to the website are being made often. It was pointed out that when registering on-line for events and classes, an email is sent to the registrant confirming the registration.

Members aged 80+ do not pay for drop in classes and events. They do pay for tea parties and registered classes and events.

Interviews for the Senior Co-ordinator end tomorrow and the new co-ordinator will be announced soon.

The Food Services Co-ordinator, Cheryl Caiton, has been hired, however she is already working in Customer Services where there is a big staff shortage. She will be starting full time in November.

There is a need for Tech Training for seniors to learn how to pre-register for events and classes at the Centre. Discussion followed.

Royce reported that Tri-Cities Action Society has purchased iPads in order to teach seniors how to use them. So far, no seniors have come forward to be taught. Royce will ask the Society if they would be willing to train our seniors here to use the Registration software.

Due to Covid-19 there is an attendance cap on classes and events, to prevent overcrowding and keep attendees safe. This is an issue when regular attendees discover the class closed when they go to register, as new people have registered sooner.

The flu vaccine arrived in PoCo today. The Centre will set up a Flu Vaccine clinic on the next Wednesdays; likely the 20th &/or 27th of October.

ACTION ITEMS

Gwendoline agreed to nominate the members standing for office at the November AGM. Royce Shook, Karen Dobson, Juanita Franco, Ruth Wilson and Linda Lou Bartlett are standing again.

Board members not standing for reelection are Gwendoline Turpin, Sharon Martin, Lynn McKenzie, Wendy Rachwalski, and Karen Madill.

Members with one year remaining on their terms are George Lukach, Pat Dales, Teresa Foreman and Joan Mullen.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Royce had already added much in response to the city's report. He expressed remorse at our not considering having a booth representing Wilson Senior's at the Grand Opening of the Centre on October 2, in order to increase membership and service potential.

At this time food can not be served at the Centre. Before the kitchen can open, the staff must get their Food Safe license. The fees for this will be paid by the Centre. Any questions should be redirected to Rob Loxterkamp.

Since there are occasional gaming activities (50/50 draws, auctions, etc.) a Gaming License will be bought.

Royce found a box of the name tags mentioned last month and will bring them to the Board.

Royce reminded members that an audit is not required annually, but we will continue to use the accountant we have to do a review for 2021.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Karen Madill was absent due to family matters, so no report was given.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

History of Association: George Lukach reported he was finding people who would assist with writing and publishing the history book of the Wilson Centre. George plans to present estimates for this work at the next board meeting.

Rolls of negatives and photos have been found in the Centre which may be of some historical importance and will be handed over to George.

Display Case: Teresa reported that several items have been sold from the Display Case. The main knitter, especially of dolls, has passed and we need a replacement knitter. Linda Lou agreed to ask the knitters in Twisted Stitches. And a notice asking for Volunteer knitters will be put into '*What's Up Wilson*'.

ADJOURNMENT

George moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Seconded by Gwendoline Carried.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting AGM Wilson Centre at 10:00 a.m.