

Present: Russell Galpin, Dana Brien, Meg Curtis, Arlene Johns, Joyce Peace, Laura Buono (Non-Voting)

The meeting was opened at 1:05pm

Ms. Johns made a motion to approve the minutes of March 31, 2015. Mr. Galpin seconded, the motion passed.

Mrs. Brien presented both the print out from the accounting system and the Excel spreadsheet tracking the types of expenses and deposits. The group reviewed the information and there were no questions. Ms. Johns moved to approve the financial reports and Mrs. Peace seconded. The motion passed.

Ms. Johns made a report on the GHSS Board of Directors Meeting on April 11th. There will be a page in Senior Moments dedicated to SAC news. Mrs. Mathison, who edits the newsletter, asked that the completed SAC page be given to her no later than the 20th of the month.

Ms. Johns also reported that the phrase “Sponsored by the taxpayers of Hillsborough and Deering” will appear on the front page of the newsletter. Ms. Buono and Mrs. Brien questioned if Deering was, in fact, sponsoring the newsletter specifically, as Hillsborough is doing. Discussion was held. Ms. Johns will approach GHSS with that question.

Mr. Galpin informed the board that he had registered the name “Senior Moments” with the state as a publication. Mrs. Johns asked if Mrs. Galpin would want GHSS to change the name of their Newsletter. He stated that he has no intention of restricting its use by GHSS, as long as GHSS makes the newsletter an informational tool, rather than one of personal political use. Ms. Johns informed the committee that the GHSS Board of Directors had made a clear policy at the last meeting that the newsletter was to be used to promote senior activities and not to advance political agendas.

Ms. Johns also addressed Mr. Galpin’s confrontation with Mrs. Mathison recently at the Hall at St. Mary’s regarding use of the space. Ms. Johns pointed out that Mr. Galpin was speaking out of turn by claiming to represent the SAC when he had not been authorized by the board to do so. Mr. Galpin stated that he had not intended to speak for the entire SAC, only himself and apologized for losing his temper. Mrs. Brien requested that Mr. Galpin direct his apology to Mrs. Mathison. Ms. Johns suggested that he should do so in writing in order to avoid further confrontations. Mr. Galpin agreed.

Ms. Johns informed the committee that GHSS would be requesting space for luncheons only, and would not be seeking funding support for the food purchases.

Mrs. Brien discussed a phone call with Dolly Megans, the secretary for St. Mary’s Parish. The \$100 per month rent is to include 2-3 events per week. Mrs. Brien requested and is awaiting a letter from St. Mary’s to put the expectations and conditions of using the space in writing so that everyone knows what is expected and there are no surprises.

1:54pm: Peter Brigham entered the meeting and requested guidance for the use of town space for the GHSS copier. Mrs. Brien stated that if Mr. Brigham is giving permission for the group to use the space

than there is no issue. Mr. Brigham stated that GHSS had used his town copier and supplies without asking for his okay. Ms. Johns said she would address this issue with GHSS as well.

1:58pm Mr. Brigham left the meeting.

Ms. Johns verified the amount of funding available for Senior Services to be \$5,000 in the town budget and \$8,000 from a warrant article. This information was confirmed by Mrs. Brien.

Sponsorship of SAC events: Mrs. Johns made a motion "to sponsor the events listed on the current application before the board, to include:

GHSS Executive Board Meeting: 1 per month.

Games: 3 per month.

Crafty Critters: 3 per month.

GHSS Board of Directors Meeting: 1 per month.

A Knotting Experience: 1 per month.

GHSS Fundraising Committee Meeting: 1 per month.

Bingo: 1 per month.

with the understanding that meeting usage may be readdressed as demand for the space increases." Mrs. Brien seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Galpin presented the committee with a letter he has written to appear on the front page of the newsletter to address the misinformation presented in last month's first page article. Discussion followed as to what type of article SAC would like to have published. It was decided that an article addressing the truth of the actual state of the money for Senior Services in Hillsborough should be written. Mrs. Brien offered to re-write Mr. Galpin's letter to appear on the SAC page of the newsletter. The committee agreed.

2:21pm: Mr. Brigham again entered the meeting. He questioned the statements made to him by Mrs. Mathison that GHSS would not be using the warrant article funds for purchase of the Senior Bus approved by the Town of Hillsborough at the 2014 town meeting. Ms. Johns informed the committee that Mrs. Mathison has been corrected by the GHSS Board of Directors that the use or non-use of those funds is not solely her decision to make and that the Board of Directors would be taking an active role in decisions regarding the purchase and funding of the bus.

2:30pm Mr. Brigham left the meeting.

Mrs. Brien addressed the Inventory List which is now made of what items and supplies have been purchased for events and activities. Mr. Galpin voiced his concern that the SAC should know where those items are being stored in case there is other need of them when they are not in use. Mrs. Brien suggested that should the group putting on the luncheons change, the inventory should change hands as well. The need for guidelines and procedures for SAC was discussed by the committee. Mrs. Brien asked for volunteers to meet before the next meeting to come up with a draft which could then be discussed by the committee. Ms. Johns declined to participate. Mr. Galpin, Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Peace and Mrs. Brien agreed to set up a meeting to do so.

Mrs. Brien showed the committee the list of expenses which had been received from GHSS and asked the committee to address which of those expenses would be paid. After discussion, Ms. Johns made a motion to approve payment of postage for Senior Moments for April of \$45.90, labels for Senior Moments of \$12.49, and the service charges for the repair to the GHSS copier used to publish Senior Moments. Mrs. Brien seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Curtis made a report of the first Alzheimer's Support Group meeting. There was one attendee who was thankful for the experience and two other folks who expressed interest but could not make the meeting. She is hopeful that others will hear about the meetings and join in.

Other Business:

Mr. Galpin asked the committee if it still wanted to meet with the Executive Board of GHSS. Mrs. Brien suggested that the guidelines should be established first. The committee decided to try to make a meeting happen in May.

Mrs. Peace made a motion to close the meeting. Mrs. Brien seconded. The motion passed.

The meeting closed at 3:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Brien

Secretary.