

BSC Board of Directors Open Meeting 01.12.26

Present: Maureen, Debbie, Donna, Kelle, Glenn, Heino, Sieneke, Sue, Gabe, and Conrad, Sarah was willing to be present, but was accidentally omitted thru unintentional failure of Kelle to get her onto the phone

Meeting called to order at 12:30pm.

An agenda was handed out.

President Kelle called for a motion to approve recording official meetings. It was moved to record official meetings, seconded, and approved. The recording will help the secretary complete minutes. Recordings will be deleted once the minutes are approved.

Kelle announced that Gabe was appointed as secretary of the board but resigned from that position. Glenn will be the acting secretary until one is selected. The vice president, Donna, will be responsible for member communications including doing the emails in the future.

The minutes for two official meetings that took place on December 15 (before and after the election) were moved for approval, seconded, and approved.

Treasurer's report: As of Dec 31. Money market at WaFd = \$14,117, WaFd Checking \$78,963, Edward Jones Investments \$281,010. Total \$374,090. No payment has yet been made for the serving tables that will be donated to Meals on Wheels. Estimated about \$15,000.

Committee reports will happen in the future. Volunteers were solicited for the Finance committee. The Bylaws committee will be the full board. Other committees will be established addressing needs like membership, communications, etc.

Drafts for new names and mission were presented. These were handed out as part of the meeting agenda to everyone present. Votes on these will be at the February meeting. Birch Bay was included in the name and in the mission statement to reflect the area served.

New name will be Blaine Birch Bay Seniors Association

New Purpose will be: *Blaine Birch Bay Seniors Association is a nonprofit that serves Blaine Birch Bay and surrounding areas by promoting and supporting seniors quality of life. We do this by facilitating nutritional, social, educational, recreational and advocacy needs for the senior community at large. Blaine Birch Bay Seniors Association partners and supports senior programming with Blaine Birch Bay Parks and Recreation District 2, the City of Blaine,*

Whatcom Council on Aging and other community organizations and groups that share our common goals.

The president expressed appreciation to the people who voted in and managed the recent election. 171 people out of 671 voted.

Heather Lindsay from BBBPRD2 gave an update on senior programming. A new game night will happen the last Thursday of the month between 6-8pm. A community dinner this month will be on the ... sponsored by Gateway from 5:30 to 7 on Thursday. The senior center will be closed on MLK day. The center including the gym (weight room) will be open until 7pm each night starting in February. Eric, the new janitor, will let people in (senior pass holders). Staffing update – Heather talked about the people who work in the office. A new hire will start this week. Luke will be here Tuesday and Thursday and Weekends. He is the new community center activity coordinator. Laura is now the community center operations manager. She is here every day and will be able to address any questions and needs senior pass holders may have.

Heino shared that he is grateful to have been elected and feels the board is working together very well.

Kelle solicited input on program ideas. Members asked whether it was possible to use the BBBPRD2 bus for field trips? That needs to be coordinated with BBBPRD2 and it appears possible depending on the need. There is lots of interest in future field trips. Committees will be set up in the future and will need volunteers including finance, marketing and fundraising, membership and communications, and senior programming and grant management.

Maureen reminded everyone that if you don't have email or computer access and want to communicate with the board, feel free to contact any board member in person. If you have email access use bbbseniors@yahoo.com.

Board information is posted on the bulletin board in the game room.

Bernadette asked if the board plans to do a website? That is on the board's agenda for the future. She also suggested that it's possible that high schoolers could help us with a website and other technology needs.

Who is responsible to maintain the gym equipment?. Heather answered that BBBPRD2 is responsible for this and recognized that the NuSteps are old and hard to maintain. We may have to try to upgrade some equipment. Be sure to tell the office about any repair needs.

A motion for adjournment was made, seconded, and approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:01pm.