

Santa's Senior Center Corporation, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2026

Our Mission is to create inviting enjoyable programs that encourage older adults to use their skills, develop their potential, and continue involvement in the community.

Call to Order: Board President Joe Gelinas at 1:02 P.M.

Roll Call- Patty Belcher (27), Lamie Ellsworth (26), Joe Gelinas (26), Kathy Hamby (27), Ruthie Sevy (26), Cora Williams (27), Tammie Wilson (27).

Other Members in Attendance: Diane Jewkes, Benny Williams, Bob Page, Jo Small

Quorum: Yes/No-(07 of 07 members present)

Approval of Agenda for April 8, 2026, Board Meeting; Motion to accept made by Cora Williams, second by Tammie Wilson, motion passed.

Approval of Minutes from March 11, 2026 – Motion made by Tammie Wilson, seconded by Ruthie Sevy Motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Secretary – Kathy Hamby -

Volunteer Hours – Hours reported for the month of March 2026 were 144.5 hours

Treasurer – Tammie Wilson – As printed

Vice-President – Ruthie Sevy – Welcome back to the President, Joe Gelinas.

President - Joe Gelinas – Thank you for keeping the business of the center going during my absence.

Committee Reports:

Gaming: Barbara Sevier – No report

Gift Shop: Goldie Southwood – As printed

Kitchen: Sharon Corbett – No report

Budget Committee: Rochelle Renner - As printed. See the Treasurer Report, as the budget is done once a year.

Audit Committee - Jo Small and Rochelle Renner – No report. Audit should be done by end of month.

Maintenance Committee: Gregory Corbett – As printed, Window blinds are being researched for the front windows. Back door needs to be planed and resealed once the temperatures are above the 60's.

Flagpole – There are three American companies that have heavy anodized aluminum with various heights. If we want to fly two flags, we will need to buy the taller one. The board will have to decide if we want solar lighting or electrical lighting for the flag. Joe Gelinas will be providing the Board with information for purchasing the flagpole. Craft Heating has been scheduled for a tune up of the heating system. Ruthie Sevy is working on scheduling electrical work needed for the Senior Center.

Outreach Committee: Pat Belcher- as written. The committee will be reaching out to businesses to join the center. We have produced a letter to present to the board. The letter was approved to be sent out to the businesses. We also will be asking businesses to become sustaining members. We also ask that the sustaining members be listed in the newsletter. Kathy Hamby made motion, seconded by Ruthie Sevy. Motion passed. The Outreach Committee will also work on providing the Senior Grad Bash and other requests from North Pole area.

Sunshine Committee: Judi Hastings – No report

Administration: Robert Page - As printed Donna Crier passed away at the age of 96. The president asked that we send a condolence card to the family. There is a bill for the upkeep of the web page. We also need to look into getting an antivirus program for the office computer. Bob has researched McAfee, Norton and Aura antivirus program. Aura is cheaper and seems to have all the things that Norton has. Andrew, who works on computers, recommends Malware Bytes. Robert Page will work with Andrew on the issue. We have tickets from the Fairbanks Concert Association. Please let people know that there is a sign-up board for the tickets we can ensure that the tickets are used. The newsletter is also going to be showcasing the exercise people and other groups that can be recognized. It would be nice to recognize the numbers of new members. As well as sustaining members and businesses.

Unfinished Business:

Facility Usage Agreement – We need to investigate ensuring the usage fee covers the heating fuel costs as well as electricity, and janitorial costs. The janitorial time is normally half an hour to an hour. But we normally do not allow for janitorial costs if the user is responsible for cleaning up after themselves. Motion by Kathy Hamby to raise price to \$100 to \$125 seconded by Tammie Wilson. The discussion revolved around the price for non-profits. Tammie Wilson made a motion to amend to have a sliding rate from \$75 to \$150. Seconded by Kathy Hamby. The sliding fee scale would allow for consideration of all-day event vs one- or two-hour party. American Legion uses it for three-four hours, and a cost bump might push them out the door. But the problem would be how do you know who would get which price. A motion to table the motion till next month Tammie Wilson and seconded by Cora Williams. We will discuss this next month.

Open and Closing of the Building – May - Tammie Wilson, June - Joe Gelinas and Ruthie Sevy, July – Tammie Wilson and Kathy Hamby, August – Cora Williams.

New Business:

The membership costs for businesses will be \$50. As provided by the approval of the Outreach Committee letter, passed earlier during this meeting.

Jo Small will be leaving the state and is resigning from her position. She was asked for a formal resignation letter. She was asked if she could help find a replacement for the position.

Member/Visitors Comments:

Diane Jewkes - The New Hope Presbyterian Church gave 15 Easter baskets and would like to be in the newsletter. The sliding scale will be a nightmare for the office personnel.

Bob Page – Why do we have trash removal as part of the usage fee? There is always trash removal.

Benny Willimas – There is a military banquet at the 8 Star on the first Friday of May.

Joe Gelinas – Jeff Tewkes gave us a flyer asking for committee input on rejuvenation of the city park. Tammie Wilson reminded us that the Borough park is 5th Ave. and the city park is the one on Santa Claus Lane. Joe Gelinas mentioned that the road next to the Center needs to be widened since we had an accident between a school bus and a vehicle from the Center.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:10 P.M. Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Prepared by SSC Board Secretary- Kathy Hamby