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Rhonda Sasa - Chair
Town-Wide

Mary Cerra
District 1

Peter Lombardi, Jr. - Vice-Chair
District 2

TBA
District 5

MINUTES

Stephanie Gesualdi - Secretary
District 3

Peter Susi
Town-Wide

Joseph Quartino
District 4

The Johnston Senior Citizens' Advisory Board held a special meeting on **April 9, 2015** at the Johnston Senior Center Boardroom, 1291 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919.

Meeting Called to Order

Meeting was called to order by the Secretary, Rhonda Sasa.

Welcome new Board member, Mary Cerra, from District 1.

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Roll Call:

- Rhonda Sasa – Present
- Mary Cerra – Present
- Joe Quartino – Present
- Peter Susi – Present
- Stephanie Gesualdi – Present
- Peter Lombardi, Jr. – Not Present

Also present from the Senior Center was Anthony Zompa, Director.
Mildred Santilli – Not present

The Secretary declared that a quorum was present.

2. Approval of Minutes from the meeting held on December 3, 2014

- Joseph Quartino made a motion to approve the minutes as prepared by Rhonda Sasa, Secretary. The motion was seconded by Peter Susi.
Motion carried - Final Vote: 5 - 0

3. Election of Officers

- **Chair** - Joseph Quartino nominated Rhonda Sasa to be Chair. No other nominations on the floor. Hearing no other nominations, motion is closed. Joseph Quartino made the motion for the Secretary to cast one ballot in the affirmative. This was seconded by Mary Cerra.
Motion carried - Final Vote: 5 - 0
- **Vice-Chair** – Joseph Quartino nominated Peter Lombardi, Jr. for the position of Vice-Chair. No other nominations on the floor. Hearing none, the Secretary cast one ballot in the affirmative for Peter. Seconded by Mary Cerra.
Motion carried – Final Vote: 5 - 0
- **Secretary** – Mary Cerra made a motion to nominate Stephanie Gesualdi as Secretary. Joseph Quartino seconded the nomination. Joseph motions the Secretary cast one ballot in the affirmative. Seconded by Mary Cerra.
Motion carried – Final Vote: 5 - 0

Reminder for Vincent Baccari to update the website, the agenda and letterhead from the Mayor's office. The newsletter and website will also be updated by the Center.

4. Director's Report

Goals for 2015:

- Finish portico** – It's up and looks great. Needs to be finished, weather permitting. Rubber roof and stucco cannot go on until the weather warms up.
- Exercise Room/Wellness Center** – The exercise room will finally get a much-needed update with a new cork foam backed wooden floor that will be replacing the old worn out flooring. The new floor replacement should be completed around Memorial Day weekend. We will also be installing new ceiling fans and new paint for the walls.
- Two handicapped spaces are marked** - Repainted the arrows.
- Update the dining room** – New menus, adding 2 more window shades to complete the shades. Looking for a new easel on wheels for the lobby. Will buy new from Amazon.
- Another cubicle has been put up in the Computer Room** - The computer room is being used for a lot of classes now.
- Rolling Screen** - Has been installed at the kitchen door for safety issues.
- Mechanical Room** - Spring cleaning needs to be completed.
- Cement Walks** – Need to fix the cement walks that are damaged due to this past winter's weather. The area in the entire back of the building needs to be ripped out and replaced. Looking for prices from local contractors.

Upcoming Events:

- May is "Older Americans Month" – Health Fair, National Council on Aging theme is "Get Into the Act" – Every senior center in the country will adopt this theme.
- May 1 – May Breakfast
- Cinco de Mayo – Dinner and Entertainment – Date TBD
- May 21 – Centenarian's Breakfast with Governor Raimondo (for people over 100 years old) will be held at the Bridge at Cherry Hill.

- Mother's Day Lunch – Will be held May 8 at the Center.
- Nifty Nineties Celebration will be in June at a date TBD. We are recruiting help now.
- Membership renewal forms are in the May and June newsletters for July renewals.
- A big event will be the Annual Fundraising Dinner Dance at the end of May...tentative date is May 25. D. Palmieri's Bakery donates all the food, assisted living facilities provide cheese & crackers and desserts. Starzz Entertainment does the show ... impersonators, etc.
- An evening meal is in the works for once a month from May through September. Maybe a Friday night would be best since there is bingo held on Fridays and many people bring their dinner with them, but would purchase it instead. The food comes from the Cranston Senior Center. Would be \$3 per meal which would include coffee and dessert. Volunteers will be needed from 4:30pm – 7:00pm on those nights.

The meeting calendar has been set for 2015 – the first Thursday of each month at 5:00 PM:

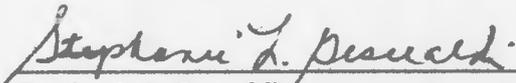
- May 14 (this is the 2nd Thursday of May)
- June 4
- September 3
- October 1
- November 5

5. **Motion to adjourn:** Joseph Quartino made a motion to adjourn. Mary Cerra seconds the motion.

Motion carried - Final Vote: 5-0

Meeting adjourned - 5:33pm

Attest:



Stephanie L. Gesualdi

Secretary of the Johnston Senior Citizens' Center Advisory Board