

DORCHESTER SENIORS, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MAY 11, 2023

5:30PM

Location: FAITH SELLERS SENIOR CENTER
SUMMERVILLE, SC

The Board of Directors meeting date and time were submitted for publication to the Summerville Journal Scene, St. George Eagle record and Post and Courier as well as posted at the Faith Sellers and the David Sojourner Senior Centers.

Board of Directors Attendance (Quorum status)

Allen, Barb		Main, Haren
Baus, Donald		Parsons, Jan
Cornnette, Russ	(N)	Thomas, Diane
Davis, Carol	(N)	Thomas, Frank
Hodges, James	(A)	Villeponteaux, James
Hudson, Tim		Watson, Felisa (Malika)
Jones, Dianne		Watts, Emily
Kelly, Pamela		Winston, Kathleen
Lewis, Tim		

(A-Absent without Notification) (N-Absent with Notification) (L-Late) (LE-Left Early)
(R-Resigned) (V-Virtual)

Call to Order: Chairman Emily Watts called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Leigh Thompson, Brandi Chambers, LaQuinta West, Kristina Clemmons, Beth Greene

QUORUM CONFIRMED: Secretary Diane Thomas

Motion to approve the Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Diane Thomas with a second by Haren Main. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Minutes: Motion to accept the March 9 , 2023 minutes by Haren Main with a second by Don Baus. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the April 28, 2023 Minutes: Motion approved by Haren Main with a second byTim Hudson. Motion approved

VISITOR PRESENT: Linda Kerling

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: The MacBook will be auctioned off at today's meeting.

COMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Chairman Emily Watts

The Executive Committee met multiple times with several meetings held in Executive Session.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Chairman Haren Main

The Finance Committee met several times. As a result of the meetings, the following motions are to be presented today.

- Move to make the change requested by the County, to our official Budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, to increase projected income from Dorchester County to \$1,487,256. Motion carried.
- Move that DSI's "Emergency Fund" be increased from the current \$41,000 to \$50,000. This fund would be accessed only in the event of an unanticipated failure of equipment, systems or facilities or in the event of a natural disaster and would only be used if the amount needed exceeded \$5,000. Any usage of the fund would only be replaced upon a vote of the Board authorizing it. Motion carried.
- Move that DSI invest it's "Emergency Fund", along with it's "Fundraising Net Proceeds Fund" and excess operating funds, in SIPC insured Money Market Mutual Funds, to be held, along with it's other investments, at Edward Jones. Available operating funds would be set with a floor of \$400,000 and a ceiling of \$600,000. Motion carried.
- Move that we authorize the purchase of an ADA compliant bus that is coming off lease this month. The cost will be \$22,000. Motion carried.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE: Chairman James Villeponteaux

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The Governance Committee met multiple times to discuss the issue of the flooring in the St. George facility. A motion is being presented today from the committee:

- To move forward and proceed with funding on the core drilling of the foundation to determine where the water is coming from. Terra Com has quoted a cost of \$1210, The Mayor has agreed to split the cost equally between St. George and DSI. Each entity will pay \$605. The motion passed.

DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE- Co-Chairman Carol Davis and Pamela Kelly

Chairman Watts called on Co-Chairman Pamela Kelly to submit the report as the Chairman Carol Davis was not in attendance. She proceeded to advise the Board on the Spring Gala held on April 22, 2023. The event was held at DSI and was enjoyed by all.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Chairman Tim Hudson

Chairman Hudson discussed how DSI board members should participate in DSI. He pointed out that in addition to attending meetings, etc., he suggested that members of the Board should also donate at least \$100 to the center annually. As no motion with a second was made, there was no vote.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Leigh Thompson

Executive Director Leigh Thomson took this opportunity to update activities at the Summerville center as well as the St. George center. She also requested that the Board go into Executive Session.

Chairman Watts invited Deputy Director LaQuinta West to speak to the Board about her duties at DSI. Center Manager Beth Greene was also invited to speak to the Board about her duties at DSI.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: It is now time to place your bids on the MacBook. Director Thompson announced Tim Hudson as the winner with a bid of \$1,125.12.

The next meeting will be held on July 13, 2023 at the David Sojourner Senior Center in St. George.

A motion to adjourn was made by Diane Thomas with a second by Malika Watson.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Secretary Diane Thomas

