

Santa's Senior Center Corporation, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

13 August 2025

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 1:00 P.M.

Roll Call- Candy Clarke (25), Gregory A. Corbett (25), Lamie Ellsworth (25), Joe Gelinas (26), Rochelle Renner (*Absent/Excused*) (25), Ruthie Sevy (26), Cora Williams (25)

Quorum: Yes/No (06 of 07 members present)

Approval of Agenda 13 August 2025 Board Meeting.

Motion made by Cora W. to accept agenda, Ruthie S. seconded motion.

Vote 06 Yes, 00 No. Agenda accepted.

Approval of Minutes of 09 July 2025, Board Meeting

Motion made by Cora W. to accept 09 July Board Meeting minutes, Ruthie S. seconded motion.

Vote 06 Yes, 00 No. 09 July Board Meeting minutes accepted.

Officer Reports:

Secretary – Gregory A. Corbett -

Volunteer Hours – Volunteer hours reported for the month of July 2025 were 206 hours with 16 members reporting.

Treasurer - Rochelle Renner – Printed and attached.

Currently have over \$100,000.00 combined in all bank accounts.

North Pole Visitors Center paid for all of the SSC Cookbooks they had taken.

Vice-President – Ruthie Sevy -

Free vegetables from Zin beginning this Thursday August 16, 2025.

We had bags of coins donated to the SSC, totaling \$289.55. Ruthie enjoys counting coins and it provides a stress reliever for her.

Ruthie S. stated she will be unavailable to attend the September 10 board meeting. (This serves as her written notification to the SSC board and Secretary.)

We have been approached by an individual that would like to build Ping Pong tables for the SSC. The board indicated they have no interest in these items, and no storage facility to house these large items.

President - Joe Gelinas –

The Mt. McKinley bank parking lot loan has been paid in full. We do not owe anything for the paving of the SSC parking lot.

Committee Reports:

Gift Shop – Goldie Southwood

Santa Claus House bought another 100 cook books from the SSC. This totals over 200 of these cook books sold to them this year. The books are sold to them for \$13.00 per book. Each book cost \$6.87 to print. The advertisements in the book cover the cost of printing. Our last order of books had an additional expense of \$887.00 for shipping. We have just placed another order for 700 books.

Gaming - Barbara Sevier – NO REPORT

Kitchen - Sharon Corbett – Printed and attached.

Wednesday meals have been hit or miss. If members do not sign up, and there are less than 5 individuals signed up 2 days prior, the meal is cancelled.

Meals will only be served on Wednesday and Friday October 3 and 8, providing enough members sign up. Sharon, the cook will be gone for the rest of the month. If someone would like to step up and prepare meals, please let her know.

Please note that all meal sign up sheets are posted for the entire month. Anyone can sign up at any time. Again as long as there are at least 5 individuals signed up there will be a meal prepared.

Pam H. is unable to cook for the SSC.

Currently no member has signed up to host the Birthday lunch for September.

Lamie E. inquired and then suggested she would be willing to have a lunch catered. President Joe G. was willing to consider this request. Another suggestion was to have pizza delivered from the Great Alaska Pizza Company here in North Pole.

Budget Committee - Rochelle Renner – NO REPORT

Audit Committee - Jo Small and Rochelle Renner – NO REPORT

Maintenance Committee - Gregory Corbett –

Trash cans need to be emptied on a regular basis. Greg just made a dump run and emptied all of the large cans.

Faucet in ladies restroom is spraying water onto the counter. (will repair after the meeting adjourns.)

Outreach Committee - Candy Clarke –

Guys and Gals read has asked for a donation. The outreach committee has funding to provide monies for them.

The village of Northway has requested a donation, once again. The goal of the outreach committee is to provide funding to nonprofit organizations, not an incorporated village or community. The SSC is committed to helping local organizations.

Reminder to all board members. Ten percent (10%) of all gaming revenue provided to the SSC has to be donated back into the community to local nonprofit organizations before the end of the year.

Sunshine Committee - Judi Hastings - Printed and attached.

Reminder that Judi and David Hastings are hosting a 40th Anniversary and 75th Birthday party here at the SSC on Saturday September 13th.

Administration - Carmen Sears - Printed and attached.

We need a cook for the December 17 Birthday luncheon.

Bone builder bags are available.

December 13, 2025, Holiday Bazaar and bake sale is scheduled to take place. ~~Cochairs~~ Co-Chairs are Carmen S. and Joyce O.

Unfinished Business: - None Noted

New Business:

*Snow Plowing Contractor for upcoming 2025/2026 season. Our current individual has notified us that he will no longer be able to provide us this service. Joe G. has spoken with Calvin Gustafson for a possible contract to provide snow removal for the upcoming season. Waiting to hear back from him.

Salmon Filets donated by Lana Hebert from Old Glory Realty – these could possible be used for one of our meals.

*New Member Application – Volunteer sign up (missing) – We do not currently have any way for new members to indicate they would like to volunteer. In addition we are not tracking this information. The question will be asked at the upcoming birthday luncheon. Ruthie S. and Cora W. will prepare a form and present it at the October meeting.

New US Flag donated by Howard Rixie

James Menaker - Community Assistance Program – Fuel Grant

*Timber Creek Senior Living asking to receive our schedule of activities. Tabled until the October meeting.

Fairbanks Senior Center Emergency Backpack Giveaway – Ruthie S. has taken it upon herself to gather applications for the distribution of backpacks. Forms must be turned in by the last Monday in August. Candy C. has volunteered to help with the delivery and distribution of the backpacks.

2025 Winter Wonderland Luncheon costs budget? Joe G. made and then withdrew a motion for the individual ticket prices for this years prime rib dinner. Cora W. made a motion; “The 2025 Winter Wonderland fund raiser luncheon price for every one eating will be a set price of \$40.00.” Ruthie S.

seconded the motion. Vote 06 Yes, 00 No. Motion carried. Last year the luncheon consisted of lots of seafood. Marie (our Chef) has suggested that we serve smaller portions to help keep the cost down for the meal.

Procedures for Opening/Closing the Center for Nonmember Rentals Usage. We have several rentals coming up. Volunteers are needed for each month to provide access to the SSC building for nonmembers. Key card access to the building is limited to staff, members and directors of the SSC. Many of our members will not drive during the hours of darkness. This has produced a conundrum for the use and access to the building for nonmembers and rental usage. A suggestion was made that we could possibly provide paid time for a coordinator, who would be available during these rental activities. Cora W. made a motion; "Pay our SSC Administrative Assistant up to 4 (four) hours per event through the end of 2025. The board of directors will then readdress the issue after election of new board of directors." Greg C. seconded the motion. Vote 06 Yes, 00 No. Motion carried.

Absences for upcoming months. In September, the following directors will be absent and excused; Rochelle R. (Treasurer), Cora W. (Director/Parliamentarian), Ruthie S. (Vice-President), Joe G (President). Four of the seven directors will be absent. We will not have a Quorum to conduct business. The September 10, 2025 board of directors meeting has been cancelled.

The October meeting will have Rochelle R. (Treasurer), and Greg C. (Secretary) absent/excused.

*Elections are coming up. We will have two vacancies on the board of directors; Rochelle R., and Joe G. The nomination committee will begin contacting members in September.

Member/Visitors Comments:

None

The next Board Meeting normally held the second Wednesday of the month, 10 September, 2025, has been cancelled. The next Board Meeting will be held 08 October 2025, at 1:00pm

Meeting Adjourned at 3:03 P.M. Wednesday 13 August 2025

Prepared by SSC Secretary- Gregory A. Corbett

*Items to be added to October agenda as unfinished business.