

Santa's Senior Center Corporation, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 11, 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 Vice President Ruthie Sevy at 1:02 P.M.

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

Other Members in Attendance: Diane Jewkes, Benny Williams, Barbara Sevier, Greg Corbett, Bob Page, Sharon Corbett

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

Approval of Agenda for Mar 11, 2026, Board Meeting; Motion to accept made by Cora Williams, second by Tammie Wilson, motion passed.

Approval of Minutes from February 11, 2026 –. Motion made by Kathy Hamby seconded by Tammie Wilson. Motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Secretary – Kathy Hamby -

Volunteer Hours – Hours reported for the month of February 2026 were 326 hours

Treasurer – Tammie Wilson – Report as written for January, Rochelle is waiting for a bank statement.

Vice-President – Ruthie Sevy – Joe Gelinias is doing well and is in good spirits is expected to return to his position on the Board. He is waiting for a kidney transplant.

President - Joe Gelinias – No Report

Committee Reports:

Gift Shop: Goldie Southwood – as printed

Gaming: Barbara Sevier – Ruthie will be added to the Gaming account due to needing an extra person on the account. Vote passed.

Kitchen: Sharon Corbett – as printed

Budget Committee: Rochelle Renner -as printed

Audit Committee - Jo Small and Rochelle Renner – No report.

Maintenance Committee: Gregory Corbett – As printed

Outreach Committee: Pat Belcher has picked up the mail and most of it is thank you notes and some requests for money and some tax returns. She checked the North Pole Chamber of Commerce. There were 63 pages of members. Tammie Wilson and Lamie Ellsworth will work with Patty to get the program going.

Sunshine Committee: Judi Hastings - As printed

Administration: Robert Page - As printed

Unfinished Business:

Open and Closing of the Building –Cora Williams – March, Kathy Hamby – April, Tammie Wilson – May. Coverage for June through August will be added at the April Board meeting.

Ruthie Sevy will be running the Chili contest on Saturday April 18th. Tammie will be helping. Ruthie is also going to do the Bingo on Friday March 27th.

Cold Weather Policy The Center will be open; use your good sense and stay safe.

New Business:

Blinds/Shades for windows – windows are a odd size and so they may have to be custom made. Diane Jewkes says Lowe’s and Home Depot will cut their blinds to fit. The Maintenance committee will work with Ruthie Sevy to figure out what would work and what the costs would be.

Snow berm removal – Ruthie Sevy made a motion that we accept the is an estimate for the snow removal from Down to Earth. Kathy Hamby seconded it. They estimate a 2-hour job at \$1300.00. Tammie Wilson put forward a motion that we allow \$1950 (3hrs) just in case there is more snow than we had allotted. Seconded by Cora Williams, motion passed.

Speakers for Luncheons - Carmen used to arrange for speakers, so we need to arrange for speakers such as the Fairbanks Senior Center, Golden Heart Community Foundations. Please let us know about any other speakers.

Price for Business Membership – Tammie Wilson made a motion to increase membership fees to \$50.00 a year, seconded by Pat Belcher. The Outreach Committee will email their letter to businesses to the board motion passed.

Facility Usage Agreement – Kathy Hamby made a motion to raise the usage fee amount from \$75 to \$125 per day. Tammie seconded. We discussed the prices of the other rooms available for rent. Hotel North Pole is \$100. We do not have the North Pole Library costs, but they have varying hours and the room is only available when the Library is open to the public. Ruthie said, “Joe wanted us to discuss it but not make a decision on this topic until he returns to the Board meeting”. He wanted us to investigate the other areas in North Pole for rental. The motion is tabled until the April meeting.

Member/Visitors Comments:

Diane Jewkes thanked us for ensuring that the Center is open no matter what the weather is.

The gaming money is one pot of money but the money for the North Pole High is Santa Senior Center is another pot of money; The Santa Senior Center money can be used for things that are not non-profits. This item will go on the agenda for next month.

It would be good to get a speaker from the Golden Heart Foundation; they ask for estate planning to the Foundation to allow them to donate the money back to the Fairbanks community.

Sharon Corbett will be cooking Friday lunches if there are more than five people signed up.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:06 P.M. Wednesday, March 11, 2026.

Prepared by SSC Board Secretary- Kathy Hamby