

CALENDAR HOUSE MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
July 31, 2025

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER –At 1:03 p.m. President, Denise Roy called the membership meeting to order.

ROLL CALL – Paul Lundie called the roll.

Directors & Officers present: Mark White, Mary Robarge, Mary Dubuque, Paul Lundie, Laurie Bleau, Cynthia Herron, Dawn Sargis, Maryann Comtois, Denise Roy, Janet Turner, Rachel Wache, Liz Chubet.

Absent: Peg Ciervo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The pledge of allegiance was led by Denise Roy.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Minutes of Previous Meeting – Paul Lundie said the May minutes were posted on the bulletin board outside of the computer lab and asked if there were any comments.

Motion: A motion to accept the May minutes was made by member 1 from the floor and seconded by member 2 from the floor. Unanimous vote of approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Laurie Bleau gave the Treasurer's Report for June 2025. The Treasurer's Report is on line and posted on the bulletin board.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT – Mary Dubuque said for the month of June there were 12 deceased members and one thank you note was written for a donation in memory of Betty Rogers. There were 33 new members for June. The list of deceased members is posted on the bulletin board.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Membership Events & Entertainment –Maryann Comtois said this afternoon we have JC/DC, Dean and Joe to entertain us. Next month, September 25, we will have the Jukebox 45 trio.

Fundraising – Janet Turner said hopefully everyone came to her table to put in for one of the five free raffle items. Three were donated by member Carol Mendenhall. One from Lowe's - a locking security document bag. One from Price Chopper for \$25.00 gift card.

She reminded the membership that we are having a Friendly's fund raiser, Tuesday August 5 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Members should bring the voucher with them and the Membership Association will get 15% of the proceeds.

The next fundraiser will be Panera Bread and will be in the fall.

Janet said if anyone has any ideas for a fundraiser to come see her with any information they have. If you have any new, unused items we will take them. Carole Mendenhall has donated some items that will be raffled today for free.

Janet reminded the membership that the No Bake Sale will be held in September instead of November this year.

Finance – Cynthia Herron reported that the second quarter audit will take place August 7. The first quarter audit went fine.

By-Laws – Mark White said that we have made some minor changes to the by-laws. They have not changed but the English was made a little more proper so there will be a new issue coming out. The by-laws are on the website.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Calendar House Director's Report – Dawn Sargis reported on the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Grant Projects.

The first item completed is the fitness rowing machine that has been installed in the cardio room and can be used now.

The next item to be completed will be the Automatic Door Opener & Closers for the restrooms. They will be installed on the bathroom doors in the lobby and near the pool room. They should be completed in the next two or three weeks.

The Outdoor Pickleball Court has been approved by Planning and Zoning. We have high hopes that construction can start this this fall and be completed this year.

The Storage Garage and Motorized Patio Canopy are in the building for review.

Dawn said we are getting a new wheelchair accessible minivan for the Dial-A-Ride program. This van does not require a special license so we should be able to get more drivers.

A member said there was a rumor that the craft room was going to be used for the library. Dawn said that was a possibility but no decision has been made yet.

Calendar House Program Director's Report – Liz Chubet said we have been notified that Myrtle Bend of Farmington is offering Calendar House members one free lifelong balance class. This is an energetic exercise class where you stand next to a balance bar for support. Those that are interested should see Liz for more information.

Liz said one program that did not get into the newsletter is Aging in Place: How to Protect Assets and Stay at Home. Attorney Colleen Masse will be here Monday August 18 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm.

In September we will have a program called It's a Mindful Outdoor Experience. Its based on a Japanese facing experience and led by Jennifer Michnowicz, our Reiki person.

September is Senior Center month. We want you to vote on some slogans to be printed on the t-shirts we are having made. There are four slogans you can vote from starting next week. Those who cannot make the meeting can vote online. The t-shirts will be available for purchase because we will be involved in some healthy competition with another senior center during September.

Unfinished Business

Suggestion Box - Denise Roy said that she received more suggestions.

Could we have a class on Instagram?

Denise said she spoke to Mark White about it. There has not been a lot of interest in it but if there are a lot of people interested, we could rethink about having a class. Mark said he has not found anybody with experience on Instagram. If someone has experience and would like to have a class, they can contact Mark or Denise.

Vending machine location

Dawn Sargis said the vending machine cannot be located in the hallway because there are handrails on both sides.

Air conditioning

Dawn explained why the air conditioning is not adjustable in the rooms.

Could we have more chairs in the lobby?

Dawn said she assumes that suggestion came in because of Friday bingo. The doors to the main hall are closed until 1:00 pm because RW Solutions has use of it for the lunch program.

Seeking Volunteers with IT Background – Denise Roy said we are looking for volunteers with an IT background to help in the computer lab. Mark White said we need help with computers, phones and tablets. Denise said they can see Mark for more information.

New Business

Rotary Club of Southington - Denise Roy introduced Melissa Cocuzza of the Rotary Club of Southington.

Melissa Cocuzza introduced Charlie Cocuzza who is President of the Rotary Club of Southington.

Charlie said that Rotary International is a big organization and has 1.2 million members worldwide and 46000 Clubs. The club in Southington has 40 members and is having a membership drive. He explained that Rotary is a service organization to benefit the community and listed some of the things Rotary has done.

Scholarships to Southington High School seniors, Restocked food shelves at Southington Community Services, Run food drives for Bread For Life, teamed with United Way to do Christmas Toy Drives at Walmart, Delivered backpacks to kids in middle school, with UNICO help buy bullet proof vests for the police department, Purchased a new industrial dishwasher for Bread for Life, funded a truck for Southington Community Services, donated to help dredge Sloper pond, funded a dock for the YMCA, supported new Play Scape at Memorial Park, led the fund raiser years ago for the bandshell that is used for Music On the Green and Apple Harvest Festival.

Internationally they are funding a water well in Uganda. Since 1985 Rotary International has contributed 2.1 million dollars to eradicate polio.

Charlie said that to do all this, that is why we are having this membership drive.

Melissa Cocuzza said that they are going to companion clubs and generation clubs in different locations that can help us support community activities. Melissa is proposing that they have a meeting at Calendar House once a month where members may be interested in doing something good for the community.

Melissa said they meet weekly at Craft Kitchen in Plantsville on Wednesdays at 12:15 pm and you are welcome to come.

Painting Raffles – Laurie Bleau had on display the painting that will be raffled today and was donated by Diane McDonald. Laurie asked Diane to stand to be recognized. Diane has donated other paintings to be raffled. Laurie said the raffle tickets are one dollar and will be held the membership meetings.

CH Website – Mark White said they would like to put videos of our entertainers and other activities on the website. He asked those who wanted to add a video they have taken to bring their phone with connecting cable in to the computer lab so he can make a copy to add to the website. Mark also said that there is a Calendar House Layout that can be selected on the home page. If you select a room on the layout, you will get a picture of that room.

**General Good And Welfare of the Association – NR
Announcements**

The next BOD meeting will be Thursday August 28, 2025 at 10:15 a.m. at Calendar House.

Next Calendar House Membership meeting: Thursday September 25, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at Calendar House.

Entertainment Today – JC/DC

Raffle Prize Drawings will be held after adjournment

Motion: A motion to adjourn was made by member 1 from the floor and seconded by member 2 from the floor. Unanimous vote of approval.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Paul Lundie, Secretary