Hamlin Seniors January Meeting

Hamlin Seniors' Committee Chair, Linda Rabjohn called the January 23, meeting to order at 12:40 at St. John Lutheran Church with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Pastor Bode gave the Blessing before our meal. Eighty-seven members and two guests were present. Birthdays and Anniversaries were celebrated.

Andrea Ainsworth, a Medicare Consultant, spoke to members regarding topics such as: Reauthorizing for Medicare after COVID, negotiating price caps on most prescribed medications, and Medicare Advantage plans that can be changed before March 23, 2024.

The Secretary's minutes as printed on the reverse side of the January Newsletter were accepted with a motion made by Don Rabjohn and seconded by Andy Smith.

The Treasurer's report indicated a starting bank balance of $ 2858.79. Bills that have been paid were $2829.20 for the December Meeting and Event, and $ 195.50 for the Hilton Bus to the Blue Cross December event. Deposits for the December Meeting and Event at Chef's was $950.00 and Town reimbursement for December Event $ 26755.00 for a total deposit of $ 3625.00. The ending bank balance is $ 3459.09, with cash on hand of $ 83.50. The Sherriff's Fund is at 0. Michelle Bliss moved to accept this report. Seconded by Linda Ohls. Carried.

Trip and Event Co-Chairs Val and Joe Kessler announced trip sign-ups would begin at the March meeting. Fifty (50) members indicated an interest in a June event at Hamlin Beach State Park. Seniors would pay $ 3.00 to cover the cost of the pavilion reservation. Admission to the Park would be free.

Bonnie Hartman has sent out 105 cards in 2023. January cards that were sent are: Get Well Cards to Anita Kile, and Chuck Mazzola. Thinking of You cards to: Lucille Wilfred and Josie Rickert. Thank you to Dody Ballard, JoAnne Scotty, Pinky Parker and Reenie David for helping to serve our luncheon.

Euchre winners for today's games were: First Place, Jim Schiebel, Second Place, Rick Wohlers, Third Place Ellen Whipple and Also- Played, Linda Ohls. Congratulations to all. Thank you to Sandy Strasenburgh and Kathy Soper for helping Seniors enjoy Dominoes

Michelle Johnson, our Senior Consultant, welcomed five new members at today's meeting They are: Mark Bessell, Pat and Jim Lugert, Jeanne Newman, and Bonnie Wright. Michelle also encouraged members to check the Hamlin Website (address is on the Newsletter) for Events. She encouraged Seniors to continue to increase their use of the Hamlin Public Library, especially on "game day for Seniors" on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00pm.

In planning for our special meal events in May, November, and December months, Michelle mentioned it is important for everyone to enjoy a reasonable initial portion of the entrée and dessert before returning for seconds.

A question was asked about a return to pot-luck lunches. Michelle carefully explained that because Hamlin Seniors is sponsored by Federal and Local Taxpayer's monies,(not a privately-funded group), we need to follow laws and guidelines requiring our meals to be prepared in licensed kitchens by trained staff.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:20pm was made by Michelle Bliss, seconded by Dennis Tubolino, Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Smith, Secretary