Silverton Area Seniors Inc. / Silverton Senior Center Board Work Session, Oct. 25, 2023 FINAL COPY

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 pm by Jenny Ohren, president. The meeting was held at the Silverton Senior Center.

## 1) Welcome and Introductions

The Board members present were Jenny Ohren, Terry Brandon, Connie Barkley, Jim Wilson, and Joanne Pfau. Also representing the Center was Dodie Brockamp (director).

Guests present were Diane Stone, Steve Rasmussen, Janet Renoud, Adam Klein (Ziply), Kay Strobel, Lori McLaughlin, and Kelley Morehouse (Sustainable Silverton).

- 2) Adam Klein from Ziply spoke about the transition to Ziply. He explained the increase in the service and the decrease in the price. He also said that Ziply is located in Silverton so any service calls should be prompt and done the same or next day. The agreement can be from 1 year to 5 years. Prices would vary with the length of the agreement. Installation time depends on the existing equipment and what equipment is needed.
- 3) Kelly Morehouse from Sustainable Silverton spoke. Sustainable Silverton is mainly focused on sustaining the environment. She talked about bringing a disaster-themed escape room to Silverton. She wants to use the parking lot of the Senior Center for this event. When she described the size of vehicle which houses and transports the disaster escape room, it was decided that a vehicle of that size would never be able to maneuver through our parking lot. Board members helped with ideas of other places in Silverton to host this event.
- 4) Lori McLaughlin said she would like to be in charge of Casino Night next year. She would like to start planning in February for the next Casino Night. She presented several ideas for organizing, training, streamlining and executing the event.
- 5) Jenny Ohren talked about Revenue Streams. We cannot rent spaces that are cluttered with items that have been donated. Ideas discussed included getting rid

of clutter and the storage of things donated and items being kept. We need to make the rentable areas of the Center clean, welcoming and attractive.

Jenny Ohren talked about starting Respite Care, such as a daycare for seniors while their caregivers need time during the day for other things. Many things need to be researched before going forth with this idea.

Connie Barkley said that we need to be sure that the equipment works in the rooms that we rent. There have been some reports of AV equipment not working.

- 6) We discussed the conduct during the meetings. We need to let the public speak for 3 minutes uninterrupted. The Board needs to stick to the 3-minute limit and can only discuss their comments or ask questions once they are done speaking. One concern about this was the potential of missing valuable input from the public during the meeting.
- 7) Connie Barkly reported that the election last year was different because there was not a membership drive in 2022 and the only members who would have voted were the lifetime members. We need to go back to the by-laws and put the elections back to the previous schedule. The annual meeting is scheduled for March or April of 2024. We need to work back from that time to set up the schedule for elections.
- 8) Executive Session was held after the meeting adjourned.

The Board Retreat will be Friday, Oct. 27 at Citizens Bank and Saturday, Oct 28 at the Senior Center from 11 am to 3 pm each day.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 pm by Jenny Ohren.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Pfau (secretary)