

KOOTENAI SENIOR CITIZENS, INC.
Special Board Meeting
September 22, 2021

A special meeting of the Kootenai Senior Citizens, Inc. board was called to order at 3:16 p.m. on September 22, 2021. Present were Bonnie Larson, President, George Graczik, Vice President, Nancy Trotter Higgins, Treasurer, and Peggy Smith, Trustee. Craig Carton was absent. A quorum was established.

Bonnie explained that she called a special meeting to discuss protocols for COVID closures. A staff member tested positive for COVID-19. She was told that the test is 80% correct. She experienced symptoms on a Friday and went home. Her test was done on Monday. Bonnie closed the center and posted notice on the door.

Bonnie contacted Todd at Area VI Agency on Aging, Kathy Hooper, Lincoln County Health Department, and Commissioner Jerry Bennett for assistance and advice. Todd recommended that anyone that was in close proximity should be tested before reopening the center. There were three co-workers/volunteers working that day. Bonnie informed them that they would need to be tested and, if need be, the center would pay for the tests. So far there is one negative test result, one that should have results by Thursday or Friday and one person who doesn't want to be tested.

Kathy Hooper provided Bonnie with the Lincoln County Health Department guidelines for COVID. After reviewing these guidelines a motion was made by George Graczik and seconded by Peggy Smith to accept the guidelines from the Lincoln County Health Department for COVID related issues. Unanimous.

Denise Whedon joined the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Board members discussed options for reopening following the approved guidelines. The person who tested positive will need to quarantine for 14 days and have a negative test result before returning to work. The person who does not want to be tested will have to quarantine for 14 days before returning to work. We will wait to hear the test results for the other person tested before making a final decision on reopening. If the test results are positive we will not be able to reopen until October 4, 2021. If they are negative then it might be possible to reopen on September 27, 2021.

Board members discussed paying employees during quarantine. A motion was made by Nancy Trotter Higgins and seconded by Denise Whedon to pay employees for this quarantine period; however, in the future if an employee chooses to not be tested and do not provide a negative test result they will need to quarantine per county guidelines for 14 days without pay. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Denise Whedon and seconded by Nancy Trotter Higgins to close the dining room until further notice. Unanimous.

Board members agreed that when we are able to reopen it will be curbside pickup only and that the kitchen and dining area will need to be fully sanitized. Nancy will post notice on the door, on Facebook and on the center's website.

With no further business, a motion was made by George Graczik and seconded by Denise Whedon to adjourn. Unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.