

Thayne Senior Center
Board Meeting Minutes of Monday, February 9, 2026
10:00 am Senior Center Dining Room

Present: Gary Carvahlo, Bob Harshaw, Dave Mildbrandt, Steve Newman, Jayme Pronger, Delphine Rossi, and Don Snider. Staff: Janan Lindroos, Executive Director.

Call to Order: President Gary Carvahlo called the meeting to order at 9:58 am.

Review and Approval of Minutes: The January 12, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Bob Harshaw made a motion to approve the minutes; 2nd by Don Snider. The minutes of the January 15, 2026 meeting with Mayor Simpson of Thayne were reviewed. Don Snider made a motion to approve the minutes; 2nd by Delphine Rossi.

Review and Approval of Bills: Bills were reviewed. Delphine Rossi made a motion to approve the bills; 2nd by Jayme Pronger. There were questions regarding the new monthly Silverstar internet fee (it is now \$200.00+) and swapping van tire costs (related to summer-winter tires mounting, etc.).

New Business:

1. By-Laws about Elections – Gary reiterated that he is not in favor of absentee voting for board elections and gave various reasons for his position. Bob stated that he has not pursued the idea of using online surveys and said he would look into it. A discussion ensued regarding logistics, Agnes form registrations, etc. Don made a motion to proceed without change to the current by-laws on elections. The motion was approved by board members.
2. Mayor Meeting Review – Gary reviewed the January 15th meeting with Thayne Mayor Simpson. He noted Mayor Simpson is not seeking re-election and he do not know who may run for the position in November. Gary stated whomever is the new mayor, the intention is to cultivate a positive relationship early on in the mayor's term.
3. Silent Auction - \$600.00 – Janan noted the recent Silent Auction – Bake Sale - during the lunch with live music on January 21st was a success and raised \$600.00. Don stated that his wife, Jymme, suggested to put the amount raised by the sale in the newsletter. Janan noted it was an easy fundraiser and we may do it again in the summer and fall (possibly 2-3 x a year).
4. Prizes and Booth for Mountain Days – A discussion took place regarding Mountain Man Days in Alpine. Jayme stated she spoke with Noah, owner of Star Valley Raft and



Paddle, and he will donate a raft-float trip on the Salt River for the raffle. Jayne said the cost is generally \$500-700.00 for the trip and would likely seat 4-6 people. Specifics will follow prior to the raffle. She also noted Noah teaches water safety classes and if the Senior Center is interested, we could follow up with him. Raffle tickets will be \$10.00 for 1 ticket or 6 tickets for \$50.00.

Bob shared that he looked up a variety of guns for the raffle and the prices were between \$300.00 and \$3,000.00 dollars depending on the type of gun. A discussion took place and Steve stated that he was given a new 22 rifle with ammunition and would donate it for the raffle. The discussion continued. Thank you to Steve for his generous donation. Raffle tickets will be \$10.00 for 1 ticket or 6 tickets for \$50.00.

5. Donors in the newsletter – A follow up discussion took place regarding Don's previous suggestion on acknowledging donors in the newsletter. Don had a monthly newsletter from the Idaho Falls Senior Center and noted how much they recognize and thank volunteers, drivers, donors, etc. It was suggested a generic thank you to all who donate would be beneficial as there are privacy concerns with listing personal information. Janan will continue to follow up with a generic thank you in the newsletter.
6. Needs of staff and kitchen if we want to remodel – Dave brought up various thoughts on the needs of the kitchen staff and how an expanded space could satisfy those needs. A discussion took place. Gary noted that we need more space yet, we do not own the building and a new mayor will be coming in at the end of the year. Janan noted that, in general, more space is needed in each area of the senior center operations. Delphine mentioned that since we rent, investing money in renovations would not be financially solid. Bob also noted that until we own the building, any renovations would not be feasible.
7. Building Fund Boards in the Lobby – Janan noted that the Building Funds Donation Boards in the Lobby are outdated and suggested to remove the boards and replace them with current information for senior center clients. A brief discussion took place. Bob made a motion to remove the boards and board members approved the motion.
8. Future silent auctions and music fundraiser – Don noted that the individuals who would like to present ideas for a fundraiser would like to wait until the March 9, 2026 board meeting.
9. Trivia Game Night – Trivia Game Night is Wednesday, March 11 at 6:00 pm. The trivia game is on "Things You Should Know." A discussion took place regarding the event. Dave suggested to hold the trivia game after lunch. Delphine noted the event is a trial run as were movie nights. Janan spoke about food and the center offering pizza, nachos, etc. Steve suggested a 50/50 raffle where participants pay a \$5.00 fee to play. Delphine suggested a donation box, too. Janan will start a sign-up sheet to gauge

interest in the event. Bob and Gary will call the questions. Prizes such as a meal ticket were discussed for the winner(s).

10. 2026 Golf Tournament – Janan noted she still has not heard from the Cedar Creek Pro Shop regarding a contract for the tournament in August. Gary requested that Janan update the list of solicited sponsors that the board members visit in the valley as new businesses have opened. Janan said she will send the solicitation list to the board members to review and update. The tournament thermal gift bags were discussed and Janan noted she would go to Costco and Sam's Club to purchase goodies for the bags (\$1,000.00 for goodies).
11. Fundraisers 2026
 - a. Trivia Game Night March 11, 2026
 - b. Murder Mystery Dinner – April or May
 - c. Mountain Man Days – Alpine – June 26-28, 2026
 - d. Golf Tournament – August 14, 2026

Public Comment – NA

Activities

- a. February 11 – Horseshoe Café Dinner Club at 5:00 pm
- b. February 12 - Valentine's Celebration - Wedding Photos after Lunch
- c. February 20 - Bowling at 2:00
- d. February 26 – Alpine Area - Lincoln County Wildfire Coalition presentation at 12:30 pm

Other – Dave mentioned a Poker Run on Saturday, February 21 at Star Valley Ranch from 11:00 am -2:00 pm to benefit the Fresh Tracks Club and asked if the center would donate to it. Janan noted a non-profit cannot make donations yet, the center can provide a sign. A brief discussion ensued and Dave will find out further information.

Old Business – NA

Action Items:

1. Continue to plan for Trivia Night, Mountain Man Days and the 2026 Golf Tournament.
2. Janan will continue to follow up with a generic thank you to donors, volunteers, etc. in the newsletter.
3. Janan will remove the building fund donor boards in the lobby and re-decorate.
4. Board members will update the golf tournament solicitation list sent from Janan.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, March 9, 2026

Adjourn: Don Snider made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:38 am; 2nd by Bob Harshaw.

Respectfully Submitted,

Delphine Rossi
Secretary, Board of Directors
February 10, 2026