

Thayne Senior Center
Board Meeting Minutes of Monday, January 12, 2026
10:00 am Senior Center Dining Room

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

Call to Order: President Gary Carvahlo called the meeting to order at 9:54 am.

Review and Approval of Minutes: The December 8, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Don Snider made a motion to approve the minutes; 2nd by Bob Harshaw.

Review and Approval of Bills: Bills were reviewed. Bob Harshaw made a motion to approve the bills; 2nd by Delphine Rossi.

New Business:

1. Wyoming Department of Transportation bonus funding – Janan shared that the Thayne Senior Center has received bonus funding from the Wyoming Department of Transportation in the amount of \$5,500.00. The funds must be utilized by December 2027. Janan discussed what the funds may be utilized for, for example, tires for the vehicles as the current transportation grant pays for service and maintenance to the vehicles.
2. By-Laws about Elections – A discussion ensued regarding the idea of absentee voting for the October election of board members. Gary discussed the recent history of voting and his perceptions of voting at the Senior Center in general. Delphine shared that the concept of absentee voting it is about the right to vote. Bob shared that he thinks we should look at this further and will explore ideas and options for possible absentee voting for the next board meeting.
3. Dan Tau with Pinedale’s Mountain Man Museum Capital Campaign – Dan presented the various approaches the Board of Directors have taken to raise funds for the expansion of the Mountain Man Museum. He shared the board hired a person to fundraise in alignment with their vision and significant funds came from a list of and inquiry into wealthy individuals in the area. Dan emphasized how his board, via the fundraising person, sought out philanthropists and also requested funds from Sublette County. Dan noted the board recently hired an architect from Denver and that they will be building the site in stages. He also shared they hired a professional grant writer to identify, write, and submit grants for funding. Gary noted the

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background of the initial capital campaign for funding a new senior center in Thayne along with various details included in the campaign. He also mentioned issues with fall, winter, and spring populations versus summer populations that utilize the senior center. A general discussion briefly took place with Bob noting that there are some seniors that have a prejudice or bias against senior centers as those places only old people patronize. Board members noted like thoughts that they have heard. Delphine noted that the creation of a hypothetical budget of monthly expenses for a new center would be prudent. Dave mentioned a general contractor would plan all the building, yet, the cost of a new building would be exceedingly high (the 2021-2 quote for a new building, Gary noted, was \$15 million dollars). The board will continue to explore various options.

4. Meeting with Mayor – Gary shared the board of directors will meet with Thayne Mayor Simpson on Thursday, January 15 at 11:00 am.
5. Board Meeting Minutes (where to find them) in the monthly newsletter – Janan will ask Kimber to place a sentence in the monthly newsletter that the Thayne Senior Center Board Meeting Minutes are available for review on the Senior Center website.
6. Trivia Night Game from Amazon – Trivia Night is March 11. The board discussed types of trivia games for the event (music, national parks, etc.) and Janan shared that she will select a game from Amazon for the evening.
7. January 21 Evening of Music and Silent Dessert Auction – Janan noted that a patron suggested to hold the event at lunch time to gather more people rather than inviting members and guests to come out on a winter evening. Don noted he and his colleague would be able to play music during lunch time. The board agreed and Janan noted the kitchen will not make a dessert that day and people can bid on the auction desserts.
8. 2026 Golf Tournament – Gary shared that Afton Valli Vu Course offered \$40.00 a person, with the cart rental, for hosting the golf tournament. While the price is good, with the challenging logistics of holding the event in Afton, the board decided to stay with Cedar Creek Golf Course for the 2026 tournament. Janan noted she still does not have a contract from Cedar Creek.
9. Fundraisers 2026
 - a. Trivia Night – March 11, 2026 6:00 pm
 - b. Murder Mystery Dinner – Star Valley High School Drama Club is still looking for a date to perform the play and it will be sometime in April or May. Janan is in contact with the school drama club director.
 - c. Golf Tournament August 14, 2026
 - d. Other – Gary inquired whether the Senior Center would like to have a booth at the Alpine Mountain Man Days June 26-28, 2026. The board agreed to have a

booth and a discussion ensued on raffle items, specifically a gun. Bob discussed ideas about the type of gun and he will research what is available and the cost. Delphine mentioned the quilt raffle last year, 2025, did not do very well and suggested a whitewater rafting trip for two (2) on the Snake River as a possible donation for a raffle item. Jayme noted she will inquire with Star Valley Raft and Paddle as to whether they raft the Snake River and if yes, if they would donate to the raffle.

Public Comment: NA

Activities:

- a. January 14 Dinner at Juan's House of Tacos in Thayne 5:00 pm
- b. January 16 Bowling in Afton at 2:00 pm
- c. January 21 Winter Craft at 10:00 am
- d. January 21 Music and Silent Auction Desserts at Lunch 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Old Business: Educational presentations - Delphine shared that she spoke with Karen about inviting Taylor Sheridan to present on the production of the Yellowstone TV Series. Karen noted his relatives come to the center in the summer months and that would be a good time to inquire. Delphine shared that she has been in contact with State Senator Dan Dockstader and he will be coming to present at the center, after the Wyoming Legislative Session, in late March or April. Also, Lesley Williams, from Bridger-Teton National Forest Office – USFS – contacted Delphine about a discussion with members of the center regarding revisions to the Lincoln County Wildfire Coalition's plan. Once there is further information on a day and time, we will advertise for this event.

Other: Don shared a concern about thanking and recognizing those individuals who donate to the senior center. Janan noted she sends thank you cards to all those who donate \$100.00 or more to the senior center. Don and Dave mentioned perhaps having the board members sign the cards (in advance) would be good. Don asked that Janan let board members know about donations so that we could thank those individuals who donate in person. The board discussed recognizing donors in the newsletter and, if we decide to so, that Janan would ask their permission first.

Action Items:

1. Meeting with Mayor Simpson on January 15 at 11:00 am.
2. Continue discussion on absentee voting – Bob's research and ideas.

3. Continue discussion on options for land, building, etc.
4. Add statement about the posting of Board Meeting Minutes to monthly newsletter-
Janan.
5. Select trivia game theme from Amazon for Trivia Night – Janan.
6. Quarterly Financial Review – 1st Quarter - February 6, 2026 at 10:15 am
Delphine, Jayme, and Don.
7. Continue discussing Alpine Days booth and raffle.
8. Continue planning 2026 Golf Invitational.
9. Continue discussion on possibly recognizing donors in newsletter.

Next Meeting Date: February 9, 2026 at 10:00 am

Adjourn: Don Snider made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Bob Harshaw,
at 11:34 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Delphine Rossi
Secretary, Board of Directors
January 13, 2026