Thayne Senior Center
Board Meeting Minutes of Monday, December 8, 2025
10:00 am Senior Center Dining Room

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

Call to Order: President Gary Carvahlo called the meeting to order at 9:57 am.

Review and Approval of Minutes: The November 10, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Don Snider made a motion to approve the minutes; 2nd by Delphine Rossi. The November 10, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Bob Harshaw made a motion to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes; 2nd by Don Snider.

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

New Business:

1. Schedule for Board of Directors' Quarterly Financial Reviews: Delphine created a schedule for the 2026 financial reviews by the Board of Directors and Janan handed out the schedule.
2. Monte Clemow and Land: Gary invited Monte to visit at the Board Meeting and discuss his perspectives on the land owned by the Thayne Senior Center – 7 acres adjacent to the Thayne Elementary School. A discussion of the land, finances, building issues, etc. took place. At the present time, the Board of Directors continues to take a carefully considered approach to be on hold regarding moving forward with building plans.
3. Staffing Issues: Don voiced a concern as to whether the Senior Center is fully staffed and stable. Janan assured the Board that the Center is currently fully staffed. Janan noted that Ellen Hurd wants to continue as Kitchen Manager and will provide sufficient notice when she plans to retire.
4. Meeting with Mayor after the Holidays: Janan noted that she had spoken with the Thayne Town Hall staff and a meeting after the holidays between the Mayor and Board of Directors would be best. Gary will set up a meeting for a Thursday morning in January 2026. Meetings are designed to maintain an open, friendly relationship with the Town of Thayne while sharing Senior Center information and discussing the Town of Thayne – Senior Center partnership.

In addition: Gary noted that he would like to invite a gentleman, Dan, from Pinedale to visit with the Board of Directors regarding Pinedale's acquisition of funds to expand their Museum of the Mountain Man history center.

5. 2026 Golf Tournament: Janan stated she has confirmed with Cedar Creek Golf Course the date of Friday, August 14, 2026 for the Thayne Senior Center Golf Invitational and is waiting on the contract. A discussion took place regarding food served at the golf event. Bob suggested looking into a food truck. The Thayne Senior Center kitchen staff make the food for the event, breakfast and lunch, which is included in the participants per person price. It was agreed that we will continue to have kitchen staff make the food for the event. Regarding costs, Dave suggested thermal lunch bags for gift items rather than the large shopping bags (donated by the Bank of Star Valley). Delphine noted that she has suggested lunch bags previously. The Board will continue exploring ideas for the gift bags. Gary noted he spoke with Bryce at Valli Vu Golf Course in Afton regarding the invitational and the price per person would be $30.00 to $35.00. Yet, without a building for meals, awards, etc., as well as limited golf carts, Valli Vu Golf Course is not a suitable alternative.
6. Fundraisers 2026:
   A. Murder Mystery Dinner – has to be in April or May: Janan contacted the Star Valley High School Drama Club and they will perform the Murder Mystery play in April or May. A discussion ensued and it was agreed that May would be a good month for the play and dinner. The Board will continue to discuss the event in upcoming meetings.
   B. Music with Dessert: This event with Don Snider and Company was previously scheduled for January 21, 2026 at 6:00 pm. A discussion took place regarding a silent auction for desserts as well as snacks and beverages available during the event. We will finalize information at the January 12, 2026 Board Meeting.
   C. Trivia Night: A date of Wednesday, March 11, 2026 was set for Trivia Night. A discussion took place about the organization of the event, team (4 on a team) sign-ups, foods available, a donation box, prizes (lunch tickets), a caller, etc. Delphine noted Amazon has a large variety of trivia game themes from which we can choose. We will continue to plan the event at the January 2026 Board Meeting.

Public Comment: NA

Activities: December 11: Lincoln County Sheriff's Presentation 12:30 pm

December 17: Music with Don and Mark 11:45 am

December 18: Gift Exchange

December 19: Christmas Staff Dinner

December 23: Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest

December 24: Breakfast 9:00 am

December 25 and 26: Closed

January 1: Closed

Old Business: From the November 2025 Board Meeting, Delphine noted the By-Law that states voting members of the Thayne Senior Center must be present to vote – Section 4 – Election Procedure for Thayne Senior Center, Inc., Board of Directors – B. The board agreed to consider a change to the By-Law which would allow Senior Center members to vote by absentee ballot. A brief discussion took place with Bob mentioning that he will explore ways in which absentee voting could easily happen. The board will review this topic at the January 12, 2026 board meeting.

Other: A Senior Center member mentioned to Delphine that some members do not know what is going on at the Senior Center and asked if the Board would put an overview in the monthly newsletter regarding board meetings and general information. This idea was discussed. Since we already post the Board Meeting Minutes on the Thayne Senior Center website, we agreed that just a brief statement in newsletter would direct people to the Board Meeting Minutes on the website where they can find current news about the Senior Center. Janan will start adding this item to the monthly newsletter.

Gary brought up the idea of name tags for Center members as requested from several people. The idea of name tags had been discussed and tried previously and did not go over well. The Board agreed that we would not pursue having name tags for members at this time.

Delphine mentioned the possibility, for a fundraising event, to invite Taylor Sheridan, producer of the television series, Yellowstone, to come and talk about the making (production) of the series. A brief discussion took place and Delphine will see about finding contact information.

Action Items:

1. Schedule a day to meet with Mayor Simpson in January 2026 – Gary.

2. Schedule the fellow from Pinedale – Dan – to visit and discuss the acquisition of funding for the Museum of the Mountain Man project – Gary.
3. Discuss absentee voting.
4. Add statement about the posting of Board Meeting Minutes to monthly newsletter- Janan.
5. Select trivia game theme from Amazon for Trivia Night.
6. Continue planning 2026 Golf Invitational.
7. Plan Silent Auction for desserts for January 21 event.

Next Meeting Date: January 12, 2026

Adjourn: Don Snider made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Bob Harshaw, at 11:35 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Delphine Rossi
Secretary, Board of Directors
December 10, 2025