



Recreation Meeting Minutes January 13, 2026

Don Bogardus	Chairperson	Present
Lynn Apolarino	Vice Chairperson	Present
Cathy Cobo	Member	Present
Kelly Eller	Member	Absent (excused)
Donna Koenig	Member	Absent (excused)
Maritsa Barosi	Member	Present
Tracy Vanauken	Member	Present
Vacant	Alternate #1	
Vacant	Alternate #2	
Cris Franco	Council Liaison	Present

Also present was Debbie Armeno, Director of Recreation.

The Recreation Director called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., all stood for the flag salute and a moment of silence.

The Recreation Director took the roll call; all were present except Kelly Eller and Donna Koenig who gave prior notice and were excused.

The Recreation Director began our reorganization, she asked for a nomination for Chairperson, Lynn Apolarino nominated Don Bogardus, Cathy Cobo seconded the motion, and all were in favor, Don accepted the position. She then asked for nominations for Vice Chair, at first the Committee wanted to keep Kelly Eller, but she was not present to accept, Don Bogardus nominated Lynn Apolarino, Cathy Cobo seconded the motion and all were in favor. Lynn accepted this position.

The meeting was now turned over to the Chairperson

The Recreation Committee Chairperson asked to approve the following minutes:

November 2025- Lynn Apolarino made a motion to approve the minutes, Cathy Cobo seconded all were in favor.

December 2025- Cathy Cobo made a motion to approve the minutes, Maritsa Barosi seconded the motion all were in favor.

Don Bogardus gave a report from the Open Space meeting- Jan. 12- Grants for trail expansion and football field lights helping to fund the project.

Council Liaison Cris Franco gave her report, she spoke on the Council had their Reorganization meeting and that the meeting on January 20 will be the Budget Workshop and several Committee members spoke up for her support of our budget at this meeting.

Recreation Director, Debbie Armeno gave her report:

December 14- took 2 buses with 109 people into NYC to see the Rockettes. Very successful trip. - this trip was sold out.

Coat drive was a huge success again, 1 large box, and 8 large bags of coats that were donated to Project Self Sufficiency.

We sent out about 35 Santa Letters

Holiday Decorating Contest only had 12 entries; winners will be at Jan 20 Council meeting.

Programs:

Plant Workshop- cancelled this did not go at all this year.

Senior Exercise is going well- average 25-32 3x a week

Winter Hike had 10 folks- Peter from EC led the hike and all had a great time.

Mini Movers ebbs and flows we are averaging 6-7 students now.

ABC's of Art – single classes went well. The Dec Monday classes cancelled but the January Saturday classes have 6 registered. It is growing.

Winter Karate has 6 registered and our Self Defense class has 6 so far.

Monday Line dancing has 10 for this popular class.

Friday Line dance had 7 registered. We will begin in Feb again.

Chef it up keeps growing we have 20 little chefs on Thursdays after school.

Ski Club began last Wednesday with 35 skiers.

Friday Jan 9, we had 15 Artist come for Paint and Sip Hot Cocoa.

Saturday Jan. 10- Sold out Disney on Ice

Sunday Jan 11, we had 9 lanes reserved for Bowling (75 people)

This Friday is our Free movie night at LVRHS- Please help advertise, I sent emails out and it's been in our newsletter but keep pushing it.

Sunday Jan.25 and Feb1. Is the Stained-Glass Workshop, we have a few registered and some others interested.

Sunday Feb. 8 is our Snowman Making Contest

Sunday February 15 is Cookie Baking with Kera- no one registered yet but we will see.

Sunday March 1 is Ice Skating at Ice World in Stockholm.

Monday March 2- Philadelphia Flower Show Trip

Spring Planning has begun:

May 30- Mets trip

June 21- Yankees trip

April will be MJ the Musical on Broadway

Bronz Zoo trip, museum trip, and other fun stuff.

I am attending the EC meeting this month to go over 2 possible events to share with them.

Recreation Director spoke on the Committee to help at upcoming events and help with Spring planning.

Byram Fest 2026- Debbie read the 2025 After Action Report- there was brief discussion, the Committee was asked to re-read the document and give any feedback or changes by the end of the week. This document will be put to bed this week.

There were no announcements or topics for the Feb 10 agenda- the Committee was told if they thought of any to email Debbie by end of this month to be included on the next agenda.

The meeting was open to the public- Anneleise M. asked about the cameras at COJ Park and why are they not live, Debbie Armeno replied that she did not have the answer that she has not been advised of the progress of that project and Anneleise can ask the Mayor who is responsible for the install of this equipment. She also stated that several of her families attended the Family Bowling this past Sunday and had a great time- several positive comments.

Lynn made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Cathy seconded all were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29p.m.

Respectfully submitted- Debbie Armeno, Director of Recreatio