

At Gwinnett Senior Golden Games

Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2026

- The meeting was called to order at 10 am.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by all in attendance.
- INVOCATION by Glory Villavasso
- INTRODUCTIONS OF ATTENDEES: All present introduced themselves to the group.
- MINUTES: Motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to approve the Minutes from the last meeting.
- TREASURER'S REPORT: Kathryn Hall reported that as of April 20th we had \$6,113.58 dollars in our account. Two donations in July totaling \$1,100.
 - Three items will be raffled off at the Opening Ceremony including Braves tickets, Stripers tickets and Fernbank Museum tickets.
 - A Golden Games brochure by Kathryn working with a graphic designer with a QR Code to our website. Everyone was encouraged to pick up a brochure and spread the word about the Golden Games.
 - Upcoming speakers include: October – Nathan Coflin on Medicare Fraud; November – Jessica Kanazawa to address Medicare and Health

insurance questions; January – Gwinnett County Public Library representative; February- Attorney Mike Levengood on wills, trusts, and legal issues; March – Altuvo Senior Placement Concierge representative will discuss moving service, medical care coordination and issues related to relocation.

- Darlene did a good job at the Generations Expo. Many participants picked up brochures and expressed interest in the Golden Games.
- Event Managers training will be held at 10 am on August 11 at Rhodes Jordon Park.

Motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to adopt the Treasurer's report.

- **LEADERSHIP CHANGES** – Kim Shealy advised that Jenifer Echols resigned following preliminary discussions among the advisory committee of the Board, which unfortunately were shared with President Echols. Upon learning of these discussions, President Echols resigned.
- **INCREASE IN REGISTRATION FEES** – Kim Shealy provided an explanation of the decision to raise registration fees. (See minutes from earlier minutes for full discussion.)

- **MOVING GAMES EQUIPMENT** – Equipment for the Games needs to be moved at Rhodes Jordan from the storage building to the Community Center where it will be kept in a storage closet. Equipment will be moved beginning at 10 am on Tuesday, August 4th. Volunteers were requested to help.
- **OPENING CEREMONY** – will be held on August 14, 2026, at Bethesda Park. Torchbearers will be Glory and Alan Villavasso and will honor our founders Bill and Eileen Giselbach by carrying their photographs. Dinner will be chicken casserole.
 - Set up time for Opening Ceremony will be 5 pm on August 13, 2026. Volunteers were solicited.
 - Chefs for kitchen assistance were solicited and need to arrive by 9:30 am on August 14th.
 - Following the Opening Ceremony, assistance will be needed to clean up the room and relocate supplies back to Rhodes Jordan.
- **EVENT MANAGERS:** Event managers are still needed for three venues: Bowling; Bocce; and Softball.
- **POTENTIAL FUNDRAISER:** Kim Shealy discussed a potential fundraiser involving the sale of books.
- **HEALTH FAIR** – The annual health fair will be held at Bethesda Park on October 16. Volunteers are needed from 8:30 am until 1:30 pm.

- **GUESTS BUSINESS:** Sponsors attending included Hans Heiserer with Keller Williams; Northside Hospital Trauma Services; and Jessica Kanazawa with Ardell Senior Benefits. Hans shared his effort to increase participation in the Games and suggested considering one of the communities he works with for the site of future Games events. Jessica asked for feedback on her new website.
 - **COUNTY BUSINESS:** Several county staff were present and reported out on upcoming events. Information about these events is available at the GwinnettParks.com website.
 - **NEXT MEETING** will be held during Opening Ceremony on August 14, 2026. Registration is from 10 to 10:45 am and the ceremony begins at 11:00 am.
 - **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made to adjourn, seconded and unanimously approved.
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