

Kure Beach Community Center

Committee Minutes

December 9, 2025

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:31 AM by Chairperson Ellen Owens. Other committee members in attendance were Jim FitzGerald, Christine Burrows, Mike McMahon, John Pride, and Shelley Germain. Mayor Allen Oliver was also present.

Approval of Minutes: The November committee minutes were approved.

Town News: Mayor provided a general town update.

Rental Update [Recreation Department]: The Mayor also provided updated recreational activities and the state of community center bookings per information from Nikki. (Bookings busier than usual). Requested we provide a list of board games (Uno, Yatzee, Connect 4...) Nikki for the town to purchase to use during the open house and for any kids during future ping pong tournaments.

Community Center Old Business:

Genealogy Interest Group: GIG continues to meet monthly. 2 persons + Jim attended the December meeting. Next meeting is January 8, 2026 from 1:00-2:00PM. (As January 1 is the next first Thursday, the Genealogy Interest Group will meet on January 8 instead.) Also, the GIG will be sponsoring a "Genealogy Beginners Night" on Tuesday, January 27th at 7PM.

Ping Pong: Drop in ping pong continues to show up in the local newspaper even though that has been discontinued. Also, Christine's number is being included with that article. This needs to be addressed. Another Ping Pong tournament is to be held on Sunday, January 18, 2026 from 3-5PM. Alice had previously offered to bring some snacks. Sunday, April 19, 2026 is the target date for the next tournament.

John offered to contact the paper to remove drop in ping pong and also the posting requesting new members for the community center committee as we currently have a full quorum.

Lectures: Mike reported that he had scheduled a Medicare lecture by Steve Swiss and Monica Rohena of the New Hanover County Senior Health Insurance Information Program on Tuesday, February 10 at 7PM. A description of the lecture is needed for the town website. Shelley will do a first draft flyer in Canva.

A lecture on ID Theft by Civic Federal Credit Union representative Tim Johnson has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 24th at 7PM.

Ellen is working on potentially doing a similar gardening lecture/plant swap for March or April as we did last year.

Other lectures/activities discussed included pasta making class, knitting, or a book club.

Community Center New Business:

Community Center Open House: Community Center Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 2026 from 6-8 PM.

Discussed inviting instructors of current classes (yoga and Zumba) and then having tables set up for them, as well as for genealogy, ping pong, and for community input on ideas for use. Jim offered to bring a whiteboard and sticky notes. Also, suggested inviting others to participate such as Friends of Kure Beach and town committees such as Bike/Ped and Shoreline. The Rec department also plans to have a table.

Plan is to use Spotify for background music and to buy cheese/fruit trays and have coffee, tea, water bottles.

Also, plan set up a table showing an example of how tables could be decorated if the community center is used for a wedding.

Flyer for the open house was reviewed and approved. Various committee members offered to post the flyer at various locations around the island.

We may also pursue contacting the major HOAs for them to communicate about the open house to their members.

Community Center Marketing: Determined that no specific action item on committee marketing was needed and this item has been dropped from the agenda.

Community Center Meeting Times: A brief discussion of the committee meeting times was held and it was agreed that we will keep the same second Tuesday of the month at 9:30AM.

Upcoming committee events include:

- January 8 – Genealogy Interest Group (1PM)
- January 13 – Community Center Open House (6-8PM)
- January 18 – Ping Pong Tournament (3-5PM)
- January 27 – Genealogy Beginner's Night 7PM

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 10:20AM and the next meeting will be held on January 13, 2026 at 9:30AM in the Community Center so we can set up for the open house.