

CLINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Clinton Community Council Meeting Minutes October 27, 2025 6:00-7:30 PM

1. Call to Order 6:15 pm Carol Flax

Attendance:

Present: Don Simmons, Michael Clyburn, Carol Flax, Phyllis Alexander, Mike Turnbull, Emelia Harris, Joe Greenheron, Dave Hoogerwerf, Mike Gerhardt, Val Heitzman. on ZOOM: Shauna Causey

Absent: Curt Gordon

2. Approval of September Minutes: Phyllis moved, 2nd: Mike G., passed
3. Treasurer's Report – Account and Budget Status Don Simmons
Written report submitted. Net income for the year to date: \$489.49. Bank balance (as of 10/27/25): \$2782.00
4. Monthly Program: School board candidate forum, held after the Council meeting, 7pm – 7:45pm.
5. Public input: none
6. By law revision: we reviewed and discussed revising the list of member organizations to reflect current membership – adding Island Senior Resources and removing Clinton Ferry advisory committee and South Whidbey Parks and recreation.

a. Legislative Committee Shauna Causey

No report

7. Member/Organization Updates

Organizational representative members of CCC will submit written reports to update CCC on each organization. These will be included with the agenda as an attachment.

New Business:

Brief discussion of projectors: good ones are close to \$1000. We agreed to approach FOCL and the Garden Club to discuss going in together on buying a new one.

Carol sent out a list of our committees to board members and reminded everyone to join at least one committee.

We formed a nominating committee: Shauna and Mike T.

If you have ideas for monthly program presenters, send them to Curt and Phyllis.

8. Adjourn 6:48 pm

Next meeting: November 24, 2025

Board Reports:

CCC October reports

Friends of the Clinton Library

We are planning our Annual Membership meeting for November 15 at 10:30. The FOCL board will be serving a brunch. At the meeting there will have a slide presentation about our finances and our accomplishments. We will also have elections. Please consider coming and joining our group. We are working hard to raise funds to cover 70% of the Clinton Library programming costs and we are setting extra funds aside for a future library.

Phyllis Alexander

Clinton Community Hall

We've installed new blinds on the windows, with better light blocking, better aesthetics, and much easier (and safer) to operate since there are now only four blinds total to deal with. We are continuing to explore and plan for options for window replacement, which will likely happen in phases over the coming years.

The Clinton Holiday Market, sponsored and managed by the Hall, will happen the first week of December (Sat 6th, Sun 7th), with 27 vendors. We worked this year to focus even more on vendors selling local crafts. As in past years, there will be light snacks available and Santa will be present for photos.

We are doing some long-range planning around how the Hall can be part of broader community efforts in emergency preparedness. Board member Steve Franks is spearheading this planning effort.

With the addition of a few new organizations in recent months, the Hall now supports 32 non-profits with heavily-discounted rental rates through our Civic Use program.

Our annual membership drive kicked off at the start of October. Annual memberships for 2026 start at just \$10. If you are interested in chipping in to help support the Hall, join or renew online at: <https://www.clintoncommunityhall.org/membership>

Mike Gerhardt

School Board

At our last meeting, the school board got to hear each school's Improvement Plan, which outlines how district-wide goals are implemented at the school and classroom level. It's where the rubber meets the road, and we learned how each principal is putting our community's values and priorities into action, in a way that's age-appropriate for their school.

In sad news, South Whidbey Elementary School Principal Susie Richards announced she's retiring at the end of this school year. She's been a huge change-agent in our school community and will be deeply missed!

Our next board meeting is November 19 at 6:30 PM.

Joe Greenheron

Chamber of Commerce

Trunk or Treat will be on Halloween, Friday, October 31 from 4-7 pm at Thirsty Crab---we currently have approx. 15 participants hosting trunks with games and activities for kids. The Chamber is providing the Candy and the DJ. Prizes for Best Doggy Costume and Best Trunk will be awarded. Thirsty Crab is co-hosting this event. There will also be a DJ and the food truck will be open.

The Chamber has hired Layla Sherrett to make social media posts for the chamber and share local business information.

The Clinton Chamber was awarded an LTAC grant for 2026 from Island County. The amount awarded with about \$9k less than requested but will help offset some major expenses including printing and displaying a rack card and map on the ferries.

The Annual Membership Renewal Meeting will be on Wednesday November 19 at 5:30 pm, location TBD.

A holiday event for businessowners the week between Christmas and New Years is being discussed/planned.

Val Heitzman