

## **Portage Senior Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Minutes April 15, 2015**

Board Present: Monifa A. Jumanne, Mary Maisto, Ruth Ann Meyer, Ann Perkins, Mary Lou Petruccio, Trudy Riker, Art Roberts, Bill Wieringa

Absent Excused: Pat Berninger, Gloria Padilla-Carlson, Michael E. Martin

Absent with Notice: Simran Singh

Staff: Kim Phillips, Senior Services Manager

Guests: Rod Russell, Director, Public Services

**Call to Order:** Chair Ann Perkins called the meeting to order at 2:35 PM.

Mary moved and Ruth Ann seconded the motion to approve the March 2015 minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

### **Items for Information**

- Manager's Report – March (Kim)

Kim reported that March was a “busy month.”

Total event sign-ins: **2,642**.

Active memberships: **1,270: 23** new members and **69** renewals.

Volunteer hours: Total of **1,867**, representing the work of **159** volunteers valued at over **\$40,300**.

### **MARCH HIGHLIGHTS**

- March 1: Kickoff of “Garden Talk” series, hosted by Schram's Greenhouse
- March 5: Steve Ellis' “Midwest Travels” presentation, 28 attended
- March 12 – St. Patrick's Day luncheon, 59 attended
- March 17 – Four Winds Casino, 52 attended
- March 18 – Sawall Health Foods, PSC staff and guests attended

### **TRAVEL PROGRAM**

March travelers enjoyed “More Local Treasures” and the St. Patrick's Day Parade (in Savannah, GA).

### **FUNDRAISING**

Income for March: \$4,435.

- **Wellness** (Ruth Ann)

The Sawall Tour (per Gloria): We were enriched with information about the store. I learned things I did not know and I have been shopping there for the past five years. The store gives seniors a 10% discount. If you go, remind them of the discount. Our tour guide, Kristina, provided a \$10 gift card.

- **Trip Committee** (Trudy)

The Committee is looking forward to an overflow crowd at the Trip Preview on April 20.

- **Friends of the PSC** – (Trudy)

The Golf Outing is May 18 at Angel's Crossing.

- **Legislative Updates** (Ruth Ann)

The next KCASI meeting is April 20 (same day as PSC's Trip Preview). Proposal 1 is on the ballot for the May 5, 2015 special election for a tax increase that would finance road construction in Michigan.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Progress toward 2014-2015 Goals**

- Chair Ann submitted an update of the Board's goals and objectives to City Council.
- The Board is supportive of PSC making plans for programming that reflects African American history and culture, as well as multicultural activities.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**ELDER LAW:** Board member Bill Wieringa made a brief presentation offering information and illustrations on estate planning and elder law. Bill reminded us that 25% of people over 65 will need nursing care before the end of life (EOL). He offered several scenarios to illustrate the point, with suggestions on how to prepare for it. Elder Law is big business; the average cost of nursing home care is \$8000 per month.

The Board can share Bill's presentation by including additional information in the PSC newsletter, or perhaps schedule another presentation accompanied by a meal or activity.

**MEMBERSHIP MANUAL:** Ann asked Marylou to read the PSC mission statement and the Advisory Board description from the Membership Manual.

**COMPLAINT RESOLUTION PROCESS:** Ann asked Ruth Ann and Bill to review the current Complaint Procedure process for ambiguous language or exceptions to the process.

- **Activities Reminder**

Purse Sale – Saturday, April 18

Volunteer Recognition Breakfast – Tuesday, April 28

Friends' Golf Outing – Monday, May 18

### **ADVISORY BOARD COMMENTS:**

-Marylou reported that we are waiting for information on national requirements before starting the re-accreditation effort. Kim added that an “intent to self-assess” has been filed.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS:** None

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Monifa A. Jumanne, Secretary