

Portage Senior Citizens Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2014 – 2:30 -3:30 PM

Board Present: Jim Hoppe, Monifa A. Jumanne, Ruth Ann Meyer, Ann Perkins, Mary Lou Petrulio, Trudy Riker, Art Roberts, and Karen Warner

Absent Excused: Mary Maisto

Staff: Kim Phillips, Senior Citizen Services Manager

Guests: None

Chair Ann Perkins called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM.

No changes were suggested to the June 18, 2014 minutes. Jim moved that the minutes be approved as read and Art seconded the motion. The June minutes were unanimously approved as read.

Items for Information

- **Management Report** (Kim) Kim brought good news from a recent meeting with members of the PSC Band. Through discussion, they were able to clear up previous misunderstandings and emerge with a very positive outlook for the future. Kim also announced that paint gutters – insulation on the west side of the building, the “meeting room” – will be upgraded.

- Attendance and Activities: Total event sign-ins: 2,650
- Membership: 1,239, with 4 new members and 129 renewals
- Volunteerism: >1,666, representing 118 volunteers' work and valued at over \$36,000. The Annual PSC Volunteer Recognition Breakfast was held at Michelle's on Romence Road; more than 100 volunteers attended. Special guests included Mayor Strazdas, Mayor

Pro Tem Jim Pearson, and Bill Deming, director, Parks Recreation and Public Services.

- Program Highlights: Continued collaboration through the summer with Schram's Greenhouses; the Driver Safety class, *AARP Smart Driver*, was well attended. The *Friends of the PSC* Annual Fund Drive generated over \$9,000; the *Friends* Golf Outing brought over \$7,000. Earlier, *Friends* donated \$25,000 toward operational support of the PSC.

Note: Ruth Ann reported that she was at the City Council meeting when candidate Schaffer offered very complimentary remarks about PSC.

- Travel: July trips included Lake Geneva, the Oak Ridge Boys live, and Purple Rose Theater's “The Last Romance.”
- **Wellness** (Ann) – Ann asked Karen to assume responsibility for AB wellness initiatives.
- **Trip Committee** (Art and Kim) The Trip Committee will meet Monday, July 21. The committee's finance system is being updated.
- **Friends Update** (Kim) – *Friends* continues to assess its use of language, and is stepping back from its Annual Bazaar, allowing PSC to assume more of the responsibility for fundraising through this activity.
- **Youth Advisory Board Rep** – n/a
- **Legislation RE: Seniors** (Ruth Ann) – No report. Ruth Ann encouraged everyone to vote!

Old Business

- **Accreditation Committee** (Jim) – The Accreditation Committee will meet August 20 at 1:00 PM, in the Gallery. On the agenda are topics: review of timeline, list of committees, committee task descriptions, and appointment of committee chairs. Chair Larry Smith, committee members, and PSC staff, are asking members (and non-members) to volunteer to either chair a committee or serve on one, to help complete the work of each components and the overall assessment. At the appropriate time with the appropriate language, Kim Phillips and Smith will send a letter to these individuals, requesting their volunteer service.

To refer someone – a friend or colleague whom you feel would embrace the spirit *and* the task, call or e-mail Larry Smith with that person's contact information.

New Business

- **Trends and Funding Priorities** – These are topics of continuing interest, ones that we can expect to address in the coming months. Board members are encouraged to visit the city of Portage Web site to see the “Visioning Plan” for the city, as well as stay abreast of trends and funding priorities, emerging health initiatives, and opportunities for inter-generational collaboration. For discussion purposes, we can align trends and funding priorities with current Advisory Board goals and explore them when a discussion of goals is on the agenda.
- **New Member Orientation (NMO)** – Will a Board member attend tomorrow's NMO? Pat might be able to go. Monifa volunteered to attend the next one.
- **Area Agency on Aging IIIA** – 1) Friday, August 8, the Disability Network will conduct a study of “walkability” in the Kalamazoo area; 2) Ruth Ann asked about PSC's part, if any, in the Music Festival.

Advisory Board Comments: None.

Citizens' Comments: None.

Activities Reminder: Election Day, August 5; Art Encounters (PDL), August 9;
Last Summer Potluck, August 12; A Culinary Walk, August 13.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Monifa A. Jumanne, Secretary

The next Advisory Board meeting will be August 20, 2014, 2:30 PM, Portage Senior Center. If you are unable to attend an Advisory Board meeting, please call the chair, Ann Perkins, @