

## Portage Senior Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2015

Board Present: Mary Maisto, Ruth Ann Meyer, Gloria Padilla-Carlson, Ann Perkins, Mary Lou Petrulio, Trudy Riker, Art Roberts, and Bill Wieringa

Absent Excused: Pat Berninger, Monifa Jumanne, and Michael E. Martin

Staff: Kimberly Phillips, Senior Citizen Services Manager, Kendall Klingel Smith, Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizen Services Director, and Jerry Phelps, WMU Intern

Guests: Linda Teeter and Shawn McBride

Chairperson Ann Perkins called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

There were no suggested changes to the April minutes. Bill moved to approve them as written. Gloria seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

### Items for Information

- **Management Report for April** (Kim)

Total event sign-ins: 2683

Active memberships: 1269, with 24 new members and 76 renewals

Volunteer hours: 2355, representing the work of 164 volunteers. A Volunteer Recognition breakfast was held at Michelle's Restaurant on April 28 with 91 in attendance.

Program highlights in April included an Easter Luncheon, fundraising purse sale, Euchre Tournament and Grocery Bingo. Three day trips during April attracted a total of 78 travelers. The Spring Trip Preview had 102 attendees.

Kim commented that the "*It's in the Bag*" purse sale was well attended with over 200 people and raised approximately \$4500. Tendercare supplied snacks during the sale. Kim also mentioned that rentals of the Portage Senior Center (PSC) as a source of funding have been on the increase.

Ruth Ann asked about the most common ages of new members. Kim replied they are typically in their early to mid 70's. Mary informed us that a recent new member commented that she joined PSC because of the Book Club.

- **Wellness** (Gloria) –To learn what other senior centers do for wellness Gloria visited centers in Coloma, Benton Harbor, and St. Joseph, Michigan. She was welcomed as a non-member when visiting and now has contacts for wellness programming at the centers. St. Joseph has an RN who works 20 hours/week. Gloria provided some information on the facilities and programs at the centers she visited. She will share further insights with Kim and Denita.
- **Travel** (Trudy and Art) – Trudy reported on a very successful Spring Trip Preview. Trips sold well throughout the week of the preview. There was some discussion of possible overlap of trips with the WMU Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.
- **Friends of PSC** (Trudy) – The annual golf outing on May 18 was held at Angels Crossing Golf Club. Beautiful weather accompanied the event. Ruth Ann participated and complimented Friends on the goodie bag inserts of a PSC brochure and Friends donation form.
- **Current Legislation Regarding Seniors** (Ruth Ann/Art) – There was discussion of the annual Older Michiganians meeting in Lansing with legislators on June 2.

### **Old Business**

We tabled both discussion of the Complaint Resolution and Appeal Procedure as reviewed by Bill and Ruth Ann and review of Article IV of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board Rules of Operation to another meeting.

### **New Business**

- Sean McBride, Executive Director of the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority, gave a presentation regarding transit millage which will be on the August 4, 2015 ballot for voter approval. Linda Teeter, of the newly created Central County Transportation Authority, also provided background information. Sean outlined the three types of transportation services used in Kalamazoo County which include Metro Transit , Metro County Connect, and Community Service Vans (one of which is used by PSC). Handouts were provided to help us be informed prior to the election. Ann urged everyone to study the issues.
- PSC Survey Results – Jerry Phelps gave us a summary of the responses to the recent PSC survey which was distributed with newsletters. We received 91 responses of which 15 were completed online. Kim commented that there were no big surprises in the results. Very positive feedback was received about building cleanliness and the staff. Some needed improvements to facilities were noted. Detailed copies of the results were given to board members.

### **Activity Reminders** (Kim)

A Flag Day Celebration with Hand Chimes will take place at PSC on June 11. “Safe, Sound & Secure” will be presented at Kalamazoo First Assembly of God on June 16 with transportation available on the PSC van. Due to the popularity of the Coffee with Public Safety previously held, we are holding another discussion at PSC on June 25 with opportunities to ask questions.

**Advisory Board Comments:** We briefly discussed our plan for board members to visit another senior center as a group. Kim reminded us that there is a center in Toledo that we might visit. Ann asked Kim to provide some proposed dates for this excursion. Ruth Ann asked if the Membership Manual has been updated with current management titles. Kim replied that updates have been made. Art and Kim talked about the Superbooks on sale at PSC.

### **Citizen Comments:** None

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

The next Advisory Board meeting will be held June 17 at 2:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Submitted by Mary Maisto