

Portage Senior Citizens Advisory Board

MINUTES

August 17, 2016

ATTENDANCE: Ruth Ann Meyer, Ann Perkins, Trudy Riker, Art Roberts, Jean Wenz, Sharon White, Bill Wieringa, Cortney Chow

Absent Excused: Mary Lou Petrulio, Gloria Padilla-Carlson

Guest: Dawn Shilts, new Program Coordinator

Staff: Kim Phillips, PSC Manager

Call to order time: 2:30 PM

Corrections to previous minutes:

On Manager's report, Page 2 – Cortney spelled wrong, no U

Ann Perkins moved approved

Art Roberts seconded

Minutes were Approved

Programs (Gloria):

(No report, Gloria absent)

Kim introduced Dawn Shilts as the new Program Coordinator

Travel Program (Art & Trudy):

Art Roberts: Welcome Dawn, lots of good things on the horizon! Several trips have sold out this past two months, baseball games and Texas Tenors and Fun Fall Mystery trip. October 17 is the Fall Trip Preview, which will be presented in a new format. This fall's theme will be Get On Board!

Trudy Riker: Five or six trips went out last month, everything went well.

Friends of PSC Board Update:

The announcement was made that the PSC is officially Re-Accredited for another five years. The regular Thursday lunches are no longer taking place, but meal options are being explored. A request for Bids for an architectural study for expansion has gone out. Friends annual fund may include a kick-off of some sort, but plans are in the making.

Ann Perkins asked if Advisory Board members were allowed to have input into their decision making process. Kim answered with clarification on discussion that took place during the meeting regarding "what makes a Friend?" Does giving a donation make you a Friend? Having this issue clarified may inspire more donors.

Ann urged the Friends to be as inclusive as possible to reach out to those who may be able to give more in the future, but cannot afford to give large amounts now.

Ruth Ann Meyer asked how the Accreditation could be used toward fund raising. Fund raising ideas were mentioned.

Ann mentioned that a list of donors is printed in program brochures from Miller, as an example. You don't know what was given or what was done in honor of them, but they are listed and thanked publicly.

Ruth Ann Meyer asked for clarification regarding the Endowment, the Annual Fund drive through the Friends, or to the Portage Senior Center directly.

Endowment Fund=Long term investment, the interest can be drawn off as support for the Center

Friends Annual Fund=Operating costs, supporting up to 15% of the Center's annual budget

PSC Direct Gifts=Operating costs through the City, which locks and controls how those dollars are used

Legislative Update (Ruth Ann):

October 11 – Voter's registration closes

August 19 is a scheduled coffee 9:30 – 11:00 in Schoolcraft, Brant Iden (no location)

Management (Kim):

Local Pickle Ball is the up and coming sport in hot demand –

Dinner Series is a steady success

Next month we have WMU performance, Swiss Steak, mashed potatoes and gravy

PSC is officially Accredited until 2021

RFP for Architect is Request for Proposal for a site review plan. Firms come in and do a prelim survey and give a bid price the costs of what a review would cost. Kendall gave a short talk on what our vision for the center is to these firms. This is the ground work for asking for funding, so we know about how much an expansion would cost. Community partnership fundraising is expected, some from the city, some from private donors.

Center is partnering with a couple of agencies in town to highlight the work of older adults in the community.

Sept 11, 1-3:00 PM celebrating is Generation Celebration, scheduled on Grandparents Day. Will be a progressive carnival of activities, vendors with tables host activities and provide information.

The Flu and You - National challenge to encourage older adults to get flu shots. Winning centers are eligible for cash prizes. The PSC flu shot clinic is taking place at the end of September.

Celebration of Accreditation, at the Sept 6 City Council meeting the PSC will be presented with a proclamation. Bill as the Chair, and Kimberly Middleton as the chair of the Friends board will be present. Everyone is welcome to attend this event.

September is national senior center month, so this is a great opportunity to participate in this.

Aging Master Program license has arrived, with class materials. The first ten-week session starts October 13. Kim has done several presentations and we are currently taking reservations. Second center in the state of Michigan to offer this class. The volunteers will be helping arrange the logistics of the classes.

Old Business: NONE

New Business: NONE

ACTIVITIES REMINDER:

Pickle Ball clinic is popular, next session is September 13 from 5:30-7:30 PM

9-hole golf scramble at States is September 15

Coffee with a Cop September 29, 1:30 PM

Farmer's Market has been well attended and continues through the end of October

Advisory Board Comments: NONE

Trudy asked if anyone had any information or comments for the Friends board – none.

Citizen comments: None

Time Adjourned: 3:30 PM.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 21, 2:30 PM