

Portage Senior Citizens Advisory Board

MINUTES

October 21, 2016

ATTENDANCE: Geana Goorhouse, Ruth Ann Meyer, Ann Perkins, Trudy Riker, Art Roberts, Larry Smith, Al Steffens, Jean Wenz, Sharon White, Bill Wieringa,

Absent Excused: Cortney Chow

Staff: Kendall Klingelsmith, Dawn Shilts

Call to order time: 2:35 PM

September minutes were approved – Art made motion, Jean seconded

Advisory Board informational booklets were distributed to the new members.

Programs (Gloria Padilla-Carlson):

Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale November 5th – we still need bakers, so if you bake please let Denita know you plan to donate homemade goods.

Aging Mastery Program is at capacity and off to a successful start. The PSC is taking a list of interested people and is hoping to offer the program off site. Gloria will be presenting during one of the classes.

The count of Zumba participants is down, so if the board knows of any exercise buffs, they should be notified of the Zumba class.

The December 3rd Multi-Cultural program will be held in conjunction with the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony for the City of Portage. The hope is to offer multiple cultures' and demonstrations through an open house setting at the PSC.

Travel Program (Dawn Shilts):

Total attendance for the open house venue trip preview has not been determined, but the building was full, and three people were kept busy taking trip registrations. Trip volunteers were on hand to talk up the trips, as well as vendors. Last year, \$5,000, this year we collected \$12,000. Feedback from vendors and participants was mixed, but overall positive. Next year, the format may be a hybrid of the old and the new, with more rooms in use for travel. Trip committee has come together with an impressive travel offering.

Kim is filming trip escorts as they describe the trips they're escorting, to allow for more detailed information and enthusiasm to shine through.

Friends of PSC Board Update:

Discussion regarding scholarships took place before underwriting was approved.

74% of the Senior Center is Self-Funded.

More people are coming in, but visiting less frequently.

The New Member breakfasts are a huge success.

The PSC is licensed to offer Aging Mastery off site.

An architect has been hired to look at the PSC site to assess costs and best use of property and dollars and make recommendations.

The appeal letter will go out soon. The Friends has a website, and the November appeal will go out on that as well. New materials are required in relation to the appeal, and \$3,000 was approved to cover those costs. The goal for mailing the fall appeal is November 1st.

Purse sale date is moved to September to coincide with National Handbag Day comes up in September.

The Friends is considering holding a Fall Appeal Kick Off event, but due to the holiday bazaar and other events at the Center, they will wait until spring for an open house.

The PSC will host an indoor Farmer's Market Nov – April, 2nd Sunday of each month, 10-2:00 PM. Advisory Board members are welcome to volunteer for the Farmer's Market and the Holiday Bazaar.

One of the trips planned for the Senior Center is an evening meal and Murder Mystery. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of providing a liquor license and cash bar.

Discussion took place regarding scholarships and recruiting new board members, as well as a slate of officers for the November 15th meeting.

Legislative Update (Art Roberts):

Monday KCASI meeting – forums for candidate being held.

Management (Kendall Klingelsmith):

New and renewal membership numbers are reviewed each month and are headed in a positive direction. Volunteerism numbers are solid and important to the City of Portage as well as the PSC. The architectural plans will include the entire property down Brown Street all the way to the Sub Station, with a goal of asking what it is that the community needs. This is a Visioning project, and we don't have a set price or a tangible idea of what direction we should be headed in. Right now, the PSC is in a good spot, but we would like to capture a larger percentage of the population. Good recommendations came from the Accreditation and those will be included in the information given to the architectural firm. We hope to have something from the firm by the end of the year.

Old Business:

Feedback of the vision and mission statements proposed through the Accreditation process were requested. The verbiage was reviewed by board members. The vision statement would be new, the mission statement is a revision. The board approved the new statements.

New Business:

Election of new officers:

Art Nominated Bill for Chair, Trudy seconded and Bill Wierenga was re-elected to the position unanimously.

Art Nominated Gloria Padilla Carlson for Vice Chair who was re-elected to the position unanimously.

There was no decision on the position of Secretary and this was tabled for the November meeting.

Activity Reminders:

October 24, 1:30 - Peer Prevention Players

November 5, Holiday Bake Sale and Bazaar

Advisory Board Comments:

PSC Buttons were distributed to the Advisory Board members with thanks for all they do.

Larry Smith commented about the statistics and data being provided via MSC and how it is improved.

Citizen comments: None

Time Adjourned: 4:00 PM

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 19, 2:30 PM