

## Portage Senior Citizens Advisory Board

### MINUTES

**MONTH: June 2016**

ATTENDANCE: Ruth Ann Meyer, Gloria Padilla-Carlson, Ann Perkins, Trudy Riker, Art Roberts, Jean Wenz, Sharon White

Absent Excused: Trudy Riker, Bill Wieringa

Absent Unexcused: Monifa Jumanne, Mary Lou Petrulio

Guest: None.

Staff: Kim Phillips, PSC Manager

Call to order time: 2:33 PM

Corrections to previous minutes:

Minutes from May were approved Ann Perkins, Art Roberts 2nd

#### **Items for Information:**

Gloria Padilla-Carlson; if board members have ideas for programs please add them to the huge white board in the entrance hallway white board. This board will be used for 2017 planning.

Tomorrow is a New Member breakfast, Gloria will be attending.

Kim Phillips reminded the board that Gloria will be sitting in on program planning meetings.

The Friends is hosting a donor event at the Beacon Club, all board members should have received an invitation.

#### **Management (Kim):**

Things are busy, about 167 people per day on average. The spring expo was good, the evening meals are being received well with a brass ensemble playing as entertainment for this month's meal. Next month's evening meal will be with a violinist. The meal is only \$10 per person.

Kim and Greta attended a Senior & Veterans Expo in Mattawan and a Boomer Bash in Allegan, and were asked to present on the benefits of trips, which has resulted in some new traffic at the PSC. The perception of the general public is that people must live in Portage to take advantage of the PSC, which brings up the possibility of a name change for the Senior Center.

Gloria stated that she thought a name change discussion is inevitable.

Accreditation inspection and site overview is scheduled for Thursday and Friday of next week.

Kim distributed reports on numbers and statistics regarding how many people attend and how often they attend. The trend is that more people are coming fewer times. New members are more inclined to come for one event than to come multiple times a week or month for ongoing activities. Travel numbers show that if the numbers are consistent we have 200 more travelers this fiscal year than the previous.

Art commented that the Advisory Board and Portage 2020 Strategic Long Term Plan also addressed the subject of a name change.

The volunteer appreciation hosted over 80 and Ann Perkins reported that the event was very classy, the music was phenomenal, and the food was beautifully presented. Participants appeared to enjoy it very much. Gloria sat with several of the tables, and it was interesting to hear what people participated in, and what they won't participate in. The City Manager attended. Ann Perkins said the volunteer appreciation was the best ever. Half the food was donated, as were the table linens. The appreciation mugs were purchased with funds that had been allocated for volunteer appreciation.

### **Travel Program (Art & Trudy):**

Recent trips: Nice Work if You Can Get it, the Tigers ball game, and Starting Over on US 12. The next trip meeting is coming Monday.

### **Friends of PSC Board Update:**

The Friends annual golf outing at the Gull Lake Country Club netted \$10,000, the spring Annual Appeal just went out and has brought in approximately \$3,500. Another appeal will go out in the fall.

### **Legislative Update (Ruth Ann):**

If you can, please come to the special KASCI meeting Monday afternoon at 2:45, on developing an aging friendly community, being held at the PSC.

### **Old Business:**

Proposal to change goals: Monifa Jumanne was interested in making a language change, but they have not been submitted for consideration. Art asked that this item be removed from the agenda. The goals will come up again in November.

### **New Business:**

There was no new business. Jean Wenz asked about scheduled events and programs being congested in the mornings. Kim responded that this was somewhat due to volunteer van drivers for transportation, but please look at the newsletter more closely, as there are many opportunities for participation in afternoons. Metro County Connect can provide transportation as well.

### **ACTIVITIES REMINDER:**

Thursday at 1:00 Ted Talks the Importance of Laughter.

Tuesday at 5:00 Evening Meal.

Wednesday in the afternoon is an Introduction to kayaking in partnership with Lee's Sporting Goods.

Several board members mentioned a senior shuttle and special seating as an option for events at the Overlander Bandshell, such as the upcoming Glenn Miller concert.

Ruth Ann asked about the possibility of hiring a bus driver full time.

Gloria put in a plug for the Farmer's Market on Sunday, in the PSC parking lot, noon to 4:00. This is a People's Food Co-op event, providing good exposure for the Senior Center.

**Advisory Board Comments:**

Kathy Mishler officially resigned from the board because she moved out of the area.

Ruth Ann announced that this would be her last year with the Advisory Board, and mentioned that Monifa would also be leaving the board. Ann Perkins will be joining the trip committee.

Art commented that he had given Kim a list of volunteer positions at the county level. This list will be posted on the bulletin board.

**Citizen comment:** None

Time Adjourned: 3:20 PM

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 20, 2:30PM