

Portage Senior Citizens Advisory Board

MINUTES: April 19, 2017

ATTENDANCE: Arthur Roberts, Ann Perkins, Trudy Riker, Geana Goorhouse, Sharon White, Jean Wenz, Gloria Padilla- Carlson, Larry Smith, Bill Wieringa , Albert Steffens, Mary Lou Petrulio,

Un-excused: N/A

Guests: Kathryn Hansland from Aetna MI health link program, Kim Middleton, Friends of PSC, Kathleen Hoyle new Parks and Recreation Director

Staff: Kim Phillips

Call to order time: 2:30 P.M.

Corrections to previous minutes: None

March minutes approved: Art Roberts and seconded by Trudy Riker. Minutes approved without amendments.

Advisory meeting chaired by Bill Wieringa

Travel Program,Trudy Riker :

Trudy Riker reports successful trip preview with \$17,000.00 taken in that day. Everyone seems to have enjoyed the new format. No complaints were brought forth and information was placed on many tables so those who were interested could read about the trips that are being offered. New brochures are in the trip office and available to the public. Many trips including sporting events are still available. Per Kim when PSC used an open format the amount taken in for trips doubled.

Friends, Trudy Riker:

New Parks and Recreation Director Kathleen Hoyle was introduced. A lot of time was used to discussed website development. The website creator was present and discussed a calendar, donation information including the levels of donations, how much money raised to date etc. Golf outing on May 22nd was also discussed with sponsors reviewed. The silent auction needs items along with sponsorships and volunteers. Discussion requested regarding the \$35,000 annual gift to the PSC, \$20,000 from the endowment, \$15,000 coming from checking by June 30th. A spring appeal mailing will happen in the next two weeks. The expense for that mailing was reviewed and approved. There will be a donor recognition this October. Sharon White regarding volunteering at golf outing: "Is there other opportunities that will take place inside"? Most volunteering takes place outside, registration takes place inside, but starts at 7:15 in the morning. Later in the day Kim Phillips will be able to help with other opportunities that would not involve staying outside.

Legislature Arthur Roberts

KCASI met Monday April 17th to discuss KCASI is "Kalamazoo County Advocacy for Senior Issues". Rick Fuller and Jeff Troyer who spoke about "911" which is up for vote on May 2nd and Don (unable to hear the last name) who spoke about transparency. Discussed was older Michiganian day which is May 17th for members of KCSAI its free. The bus will leave about 8:15 A.M. for Lansing and will leave to come back from Lansing about 1:00 pm.

Health and Wellness, Geana Goorhouse

Goal is to get the information out in the community regarding caring for oneself at home instead of having to be moved to other non-independent living arrangements. Kim Phillips: Only Senior Services will be allowed to come into PSC with MMAPS to provide one on one counseling for those in need of Medicaid, Medicare issues.

Manager Report Kim Phillips:

Introduction of Kathleen Hoyle new Parks and Recreation Director. Kathleen has been on the Parks Board for 6 years, chairperson for 4 years and involved with Binder Park Zoo for 5 years with a MBA at Western. St. Patrick's Day lunch yielded 119 people total which is a record. AARP Tax preparation 256 people through assistance. The last 2nd week of the 10 week series of "Aging Mastery Program" and a 3rd series is scheduled and people have already signed up for that. A great way for people to get connected in the center. The new member breakfast in March had 68 people in attendance and the next one is Thursday June 8th. Bits of Business, (mini senior expo with pastry provided by Story Point) Thursday, April 20, and Volunteer Appreciation Thursday April 27, 4-6 P.M. If anyone is willing to volunteer please see Kim Phillips. Age of Love screening on June 5th, at 6:00 P.M. Kim is hoping to have 100-150 people to attend and is still waiting to confirm the location. Theresa Irish will speak on a "1000 letters from home" on June 22nd with Lunch at 11:30 A.M. and then another presentation in the evening at 6:00 P.M.

Guest Kim Middleton from Friends of PSC:

Story Point invited Life EMS to view the new buildings to familiarize themselves with the location of rooms, common areas, stairs, maintenance and elevators to better serve those when 911 is called and Life EMS is dispatched.

Old Business:

Change of weather closing information beginning this summer in the June July newsletter with reminders throughout the seasons. Also the closing information will be changed in the membership manual.

Changes in the scholarship which was discussed will begin July 1st which is managed by "Friends".

ACTIVITIES REMINDERS:

April 20th Bits of Business

May 22nd Annual Golf Scramble

June 5th Age of Love

June 22nd Letters from Home

Citizen comment:

None this session

Time Adjourned: 3:00 PM

Next meeting May 17, 2017 at 2:30 PM