

Portage Senior Citizens Advisory Board

MINUTES: April 19, 2017

**ATTENDANCE:** Gloria Padilla-Carlson, Mary Lou Petrulio, Larry Smith, Albert Steffens, Trudy Riker, Bill Wieringa, Ann Perkins, Art Roberts, Jean Wenz

Absent Excused: Geanna Goorhouse, Sharon White

Absent Un-excused: N/A

**Staff:** Kim Phillips

Call to order time: 2:35 PM

Corrections to previous minutes: March minutes were accepted with one spelling correction. Motion to accept minutes was made by Bill Wieringa and seconded by Larry Smith.

**Activities Report, Gloria Padilla-Carlson:**

*Age of Love*; this movie is a documentary following a group of seniors in New York who participated in a speed dating event. This event already has 118 seats taken. This event is free and open to the public but reservations are required. After the movie Kim will announce the PSC Speed Dating date and location.

Cuba Talk; this presentation will be given by Gloria at 1:00 on Thursday, June 29.

Gloria will be attending event planning meetings with staff as we endeavor to put a plan together for the upcoming 18 months.

**Travel Program, Trudy Riker:**

Last month the Irving Berlin trip was so popular that a second trip was planned. There will be eight trips going in June, and the Wet and Wild trip is in Canada today. Trips are going well.

**Friends of PSC Board Update, Trudy Riker:**

Friends are highly focused on the Golf Scramble, and spent a good deal of time going over financial information on donations and participations. A \$50 write off on taxes was decided upon for golfers against their 2017 taxes. The expected just under \$10,000 in income from this event which includes a putting contest. There will not be a silent auction. They discussed the website, possible donor events, and whether or not to take "major donors" to lunch for a one-on-one thank you and possible solicitation of future donations. Other donor events are in also being discussed for those who have given lesser amounts and possible events or gatherings that simply advertise what the Friends do.

Scholarship funds were approved for about \$200.

Kim is collecting purses for the fall Purse sale and has expressed a need for plastic totes in which to store those purses.

**Legislative Updates, Kim Phillips:**

Art attended Older Michiganians Day today. The KASCI meeting (taking place the third Monday of every month) is going to be at the PSC in June, topic of redistricting of voting districts. Kim will send an email with a reminder and specifics.

**Manager's Report, Kim Phillips:**

There is no formal yes or no from the administration on the new building. We are still in the process of getting all the information together for the administration's review and recommendations to move forward. This is what the architect has been working on-options for a free standing building, add on, or some solution between. An expansion on the existing building 4.7 mil, 5.4 for a new building as estimated costs.

Highlights on the report include volunteer appreciation event which was Super Fun (Superman & Wonder Woman came for photo ops). It was a successful event with 100 participants.

The PSC Spring Travel Preview was a success and another record setter in terms of income and participation. (\$17,000 the day of and \$28,000 over the course of the week.)

**Old Business, Kim Phillips:**

The new weather closing policy will be announced in the next newsletter.

**New Business, Kim Phillips:**

Budget overview was provided by Kim Phillips in accordance with accreditation recommendations to be transparent with the boards. The "buckets of money" as well as the total budget and where the Center stands currently as well as what is being proposed for the upcoming fiscal year. With respect to the fact that budgets are not an entertaining or delightful thing to look at, the budget should be easy to understand with a little bit of commentary. The distributed report was briefly explained and discussed, revenue and appropriations with expenses and travel were highlighted. In fiscal year '16, city covered \$120,000 of the budget with the PSC showing self-supportive at nearly 74%. Average net for Trips is approximately \$30,000 annually. FY 16 travel netted \$30,000. The report can be confusing because it is exported from a system that is not updated until funds are moved and reallocated through the city's Treasury department.

**ACTIVITIES REMINDERS, Kim Phillips:**

Sunday 10-2:00 Farmer's Market is back in the swing outside! New benches are available thanks to the Eagle Scouts who made and donated them.

We have a Bronson Health program on the 23<sup>rd</sup> on strokes.

Spring Flavors cooking Demo by Chef Roger on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Movie, *Age of Love* Monday June 5 at 6:00 pm.

A New Member Breakfast on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00.

Cuba presentation thanks to Gloria on June 29 at 1:00.

The June July newsletter is coming out next week.

**ADVISORY BOARD COMMENTS:**

Art participated in Older Michiganians day on a full bus with 35 from the Kalamazoo area. Advocacy topics included increase coverage of dementia care and in-home care coverage.

Gloria asked why, given the environment we have regarding paper and other things, why is it that each board member has a booklet? If you are chair or vice chair and have to look something up you need the past year at least. We are in the digital age, and when the info is emailed some board members put it in an electronic file. However, comments overall were that board members prefer paper copies.

Kim and Dawn will be presenting at the National Institute of Senior Centers conference in Chicago on how to create an inclusive environment.

Another date to note is Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. at City Hall, for a State of the City address.

**Youth Advisory Committee:**

None

**Citizen comment:**

None

Time Adjourned: 3:30PM

Next meeting June21, 2017