

Portage Senior Citizens Advisory Board

MONTH: June 21, 2017

ATTENDANCE:

Ann Perkins, Trudy Riker, Art Roberts, Larry Smith, Albert Steffens, Jean Wenz, Sharon White, Bill Wieringa

Absent Excused: Gloria Padilla-Carlson, Mary Lou Petruccio

Absent Un-excused:

Guests:

Staff: Kim Phillips, PSC Manager

Call to order time: 2:35 PM

Corrections to previous minutes: None

The minutes for May were approved with a motion by Art Roberts supported by Al Steffens.

Travel Program, Trudy Riker:

The fiscal year 2017 closed with 50 trips planned and \$24,000 in profit. In June there are 8 trips and 260 passengers. The PSC trips are lots of fun, all are encouraged to go, especially on the trip to the Growlers on July 2nd at Bell's Bears' cave.

Friends of PSC Board Update, Trudy Riker:

Profit reported from the 2016 Golf Scramble was \$7,250. The board spent time working on new fund raising ideas and ways to increase marketing. The Annual Appeal update reported \$6,800 collected with many new donors being noted. The board will be getting pricing from various printers for future printing projects. It was noted that including suggested donation amounts helped in bringing in more dollars per donor. The Friends web service provider was in attendance at the June meeting and requested board feedback on the website. There was an expressed desire to include photos of actual PSC events on the Friends of the PSC website.

The Friends approved a proposed budget for 2018. There was discussion on how to best acknowledge those donors who have been the most generous. A possible BBQ in September was mentioned with recognition ceremonies. There might also be an August donor meal.

The Friends wrote a check of support to the PSC in the amount of \$35,000. (This is an annual donation made at the close of each fiscal year.)

Legislative Update, Art Roberts:

Kalamazoo County Advocates for Senior Issues met at the PSC. The speakers spoke on redistricting the state of Michigan for voting. Brent Iden will be at the Feed the World Café on 7000 Stadium drive at 10:00 – 11:30 AM. On June 26-Sept 5 the legislators will not be in session.

Kim asked how the board might feel about the PSC taking a more active role in supporting Kalamazoo County Advocates and other politically active bodies – as long as the Center is intentional about presenting equal opportunity for parties. For instance, *who is your legislator, what are current issues*, and other educational forums.

To avoid partisanship, why not take the City Council candidates and do a Meet and Greet at the PSC?

Kim – we have an audience that is looking for more information, any suggestions are welcome.

A candidate forum for Mayor and three open seats on city council provide lots of food for thought. Larry Smith commented that there was no down side to having forums at the Center.

Managers Report:

A couple of noteworthy items; AMP continues to be successful in the middle of a third session with a waiting list of 30 individuals and a fourth class full.

The Age of Love documentary was well attended (250). Speed dating events are coming up. Kim commented that in having conversations with people it has evolved into an opportunity to have a full community conversation about the need for companionship, friendship and socializing at every life stage.

The Teresa Irish presentation, Thousand Letters Home, is filling fast with a sold-out luncheon. There are seats available for the evening presentation.

The Club PSC Walking Program has been very well received.

Kim's office is full of purses donated for the September purse sale.

The PSC is partnering with the PDL in September for an event called Portage Cooks (replacing Art Encounters), a day-long celebration of seminars and demonstrations for all ages on food related subjects.

Bill Wieringa asked about any update regarding a new building. There is nothing that Kim is aware of but she gets the feeling there has been more discussion and movement at City Hall.

Old Business:

Gina resigned, and a secretary is needed. There were thanks to Janet Gates for transcribing minutes on a temporary basis. Art made a motion to table the decision to nominate a new Secretary and Health and Wellness advocate, which passed unanimously. Mary Lou Petruccio asked the board to please take note of Health and Wellness issues and gather information to report on for the next few month's meetings.

The NISC conference in Chicago at McDonald's Corporate Campus at Hamburger University went very well. Dawn and Kim did some regional training on moving the AMP class forward (because the PSC is part of the grant for southwest Michigan). What Dawn has done in leading and organizing this class series is going to be

held as *AMP Best Practices*. Dawn and Kim did a presentation on Radical Hospitality, Creating an Inclusive and Welcoming Environment which was scheduled for the last session of the workshop and it was the best attended. Their presentation was moved to an auditorium to accommodate the audience.

New Business:

There was no new business presented.

ACTIVITIES REMINDERS:

The Farmers Market meets between 10-2:00 on Sundays, with moderate attendance that vendors would like to see improve.

Coffee with a Cop takes place on Thursday, June 29 at 11:00 AM with Nick Arnold, the new Chief of Police, and possibly the K-9 officer.

Gloria Padilla-Carlson's presentation on Cuba (1:00 PM) will follow Coffee with a Cop.

The change in the weather policy closings has been announced in the June/July newsletter.

Advisory Board Comments:

Mary Lou got a call from a citizen who asked what the board had to do with the PSC Band. Mary Lou gave Advisory Board information to the caller, clarifying the board's role in supporting the PSC.

Citizen comment:

None.

Time Adjourned: 3:05 PM

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