

Portage Senior Citizens Advisory Board

MINUTES MASTER

MONTH: March

ATTENDANCE: Ruth Ann Meyer, Kathy Mishler, Gloria Padilla-Carlson, Ann Perkins, Mary Lou Petrulio, Trudy Riker, Jean Wenz, Sharon White, Bill Wieringa

Absent Excused: Art Roberts, Monifa Jumanne, Ali Arif

Guest: None

Staff: Kim Phillips, PSC Manager

Call to order time: 2:30PM

Corrections to previous minutes: Jean Wenz was excused absence in February, approved

Management (Kim):

The AARP tax appointments began, and the PSC is fully booked and referring to other sites.

Valentines lunch was provided by MediLodge and had 62 participants with good reviews.

During April & May, weekly lunches will be held between 11:30 – 12:30 every Thursday at \$5 per person.

Meet and Eat - held with 40 participants who enjoyed the event. Goal for the event is to hold them quarterly; will replace the New Member Orientation. Ruth Ann Meyer commented that interested parties who were not members attended. This is a good way for people to become familiar with the PSC so they want to join. Ann Perkins asked if anyone communicates to new members when they join – Kim answered that new members get a tour of the facility, an intro to the kiosk and explanation of programs with a current newsletter.

Aging Mastery Program - The PSC will be the hub but sessions would be held at different sites and serve as a gateways to available services and information. This program is incentive based, with homework assignments and prizes. The license cost of the program will be fully underwritten. Bill Wieringa ask if facilitators will be trained and provide ongoing training? Kim said yes. Bill also suggested marketing to financial advisors in the area. Another suggestion made was to market to adult children of aging parents.

Travel Program (Art & Trudy):

Recent trips: 19 happy travelers went to FLA through Ed & Ted's. All the feedback for this trip has been positive.

Upcoming trips:

- April – Biloxi & New Orleans with huge wait list
- Upcoming trip to Netherlands, only 4 signed up due to International nature of trip
- April 18 is the Spring Trip Preview

Friends of PSC Board Update:

Friends meeting – annual purse sale was talked about, most of the meeting time was spent on the annual Golf Scramble. The Spring Appeal should go out at the end of April. Good meeting overall.

Legislative Update (Ruth Ann):

Ruth Ann plans to attend an open forum in Vicksburg, at the Rise & Shine. A speaker is also coming to the Center on May 5th. Ruth Ann shared a flyer regarding a millage request: *What is the Millage Request?* Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority is announcing that there will be a Transit Millage vote on May 3. Metro County Connect – Ruth Ann asked board members what they knew about this. Kim volunteered to scan the information on Ruth Ann's brochure and make that site available to members as well as post it on Facebook.

Old Business:

Kim will send out suggested language regarding a fragrance policy.

New Business:

Ann Perkins would like to see a day added to the walking at the Portage Central's athletic facility. Kim will have that conversation with PCH staff.

Programming: Ruth Ann suggested the PSC include the Fire Department on occasional informational presentations. What to look for when buying a smoke alarm etc.

ACTIVITIES REMINDER:

St Patrick's Day lunch is sold out, with a menu of corned beef cabbage.

Garden Talks by Schram's – Tuesday evenings as scheduled.

Casino Trip coming up with 2 busses.

Sundays - Farmers Market starts **May 1, 12-4:00 PM**, May through October.

Advisory Board Comments:

None

Citizen comment: None

*****Please note that April meeting will be held in Conference Room 2 in City Hall*****

Time Adjourned: 3:30PM

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 2:30PM. If you are unable to attend, please call or e-mail the chairperson.