

Portage Senior Citizens Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2014

Board Present: Pat Berninger, Jim Hoppe, Monifa Jumanne, Mary Maisto, Ruth Ann Meyer, Ann Perkins, Gloria Padilla-Carlson, Mary Lou Petruccio, Trudy Riker, Art Roberts

Absent Excused: None

Absent: Michael Martin

Staff: Kimberly Phillips, Senior Citizen Services Manager

Guests: None

Chair Ann Perkins called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

The minutes from August (Art motioned; Jim seconded) and September (Jim motioned; Art seconded) were unanimously approved with changes previously made.

Chair: 1) Ann introduced new member Gloria Padilla-Carlson, who has a background in health care and will give leadership to Wellness initiatives; 2) Ann clarified that attendance is *not* required for the AB youth representative; 3) This will be Jim's last meeting.

Items for Information

• **Manager's Report for September** (Kim)

Kim commented that the staff was busier than usual in September.

Total event sign-ins: 2,697

Active memberships: 1,290, with 19 new members and 66 membership renewals

Volunteer hours: 1,949, representing the work of 141 volunteers valued at a total of \$42,000.

Program Highlights: PSC and WMU's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute sponsored a "Native Flowers" workshop; nearly 75 "jitterbugs" danced down Memory Lane with the PSC Band; twenty-one vendors brought Bits of Business to 120 visitors; beginning with the Portage Community Center, PSC staff began a training series to expand knowledge of services by outside agencies.

Travel: Travelers enjoyed Tigers and Twins baseball, Lansing, and *New York, New York!*

Income: For September: \$4,816.

- **Trip Committee** (Trudy & Art) – Travelers enjoyed a great trip to see Tigers vs. Twins. The Fall Trip Preview is scheduled for Monday, October 20 at 1:30 p.m.
- **Friends Update** – (Trudy)
- **Legislative Updates** – (Ruth Ann) Vote!

Old Business –

- Thanks to Jim Hoppe for delivering the PSC's Annual Update: 2014-2015 Goals and Objectives to the City Council.
- Accreditation Committee – The committee is moving forward with identifying persons for leadership roles. No dates have been set for future meeting

New Business: Advisory Board Officers Election – SLATE of OFFICERS:

Chair – Ann Perkins

Vice-Chair – Mary Maisto

Secretary – Monifa A. Jumanne

The slate was unanimously approved. Ann thanked everyone for the vote of confidence.

- Ann gave official thanks to Jim Hoppe and Art Roberts for their years of outstanding service to the Advisory Board. She welcomed Art back to the Board.
- Reminders: Trip Preview, October 20; Election Day, November 4; Holiday Bazaar, November 8

Advisory Board Comments:

- Kathy Hill is the new Senior Services Meal Site Coordinator.
- The new Building Resources manual is for staff use in providing services to the community. A list of businesses that grant discounts to seniors is available at the Front Desk. The book will be updated periodically as new business partners are added.
- Jim reminded us to take care entering volunteer hours; be sure you're entering the numbers you intend to enter. Ruth Ann reminded us to consider time spent meeting, researching or reading (e-mail, brochures, biographies, newspaper and magazine articles, etc.), in service to the Board.
- Area Agency on Aging III needs additional facilitators for “A Matter of Balance” program.

Citizens' Comments: None

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.

The next Advisory Board meeting will be November 19 at 2:30 PM at the Senior Center.

Monifa A. Jumanne, Secretary