

Portage Senior Citizens Advisory Board

MINUTES MASTER

MONTH: April 17, 2019

ATTENDANCE:

Bill Wieringa, Trudy Riker, Art Roberts, John Lobo, Mary Lou Petrulio, Linda Zoeller

Absent Excused: Sharon White

Guests: None

Staff: Kim Phillips

Call to order time: 2:30 PM

Corrections to previous minutes:

No corrections, Larry Smith moved the minutes be approved, seconded by Tony Lorentz. Minutes were approved.

Travel Program, Trudy Riker:

Last month we had nine go to Iceland and the Vera Bradley trip had 29 participants. So far trips are going well. Thunder over Louisville also went out this month.

April 27 is the Trip Preview at the PSC which will be held open house style from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM - all are welcome.

Friends of PSC Board Update, Trudy Riker:

The PSC Golf Scramble is going well with \$8,500 in sponsorships and \$2,298 in registration fees collected so far. The participation goal is 75 golfers. The investment policy was reviewed and approved. The Friends moved May's meeting forward to May 14th to accommodate the May 20 Golf Scramble. A financial report was reviewed and approved, as well as an application for a new board member. Spring appeal materials will go out this week. Budget proposals were discussed. They 'cleaned' and updated the computer domain. The *millennium group* was designated as a charity for one month and a percentage of meals may be donated to the board in the month of October. If you have shredding to do, please use Data Guardian and take one of their cards from the PSC lobby to use, and 10% of the cost of your shredding will be donated back to the PSC. The Friends will be considering increasing their annual contribution of support to the PSC.

Legislative Update, Art Roberts:

KCASI's 2019 focus will be on four categories: Elder Abuse Prevention, Aging in the Community, Health and Safety, and Social Security and Medicare. Art distributed legislative guides from Jon Hoadley. Wednesday, May 15th is Older Michigander Day and the bus is leaving from Harding's on Westnedge at 8:00 AM. KCASI members ride free and enjoy time at the capital as well as a complimentary lunch. Jon Hoadley will be running

against Fred Upton. Anji Phillips will be the KCASI speaker next month, the meetings are held the third Monday afternoon of each month. Anji will speak to Elder Abuse.

Manager's Report, Kim Phillips:

Kim was in Chicago to participate in an accreditation event at the Northshore Senior Center in the suburbs of Chicago. It was very interesting to tour a large facility and see how their space was used. There was an operating café in the middle of the building. The PSC is more progressive in its programming.

The Spring Luncheon takes place tomorrow and is sold out but there is space available for the Mother's Father's Day luncheon coming in May. We're using linens and real dishes, not paper plates and plastic cutlery in efforts to be more environmentally responsible as well as provide a little elegance. We'll be looking at using wooden coffee stir sticks and compostable cups in the future. The board was asked for suggestions regarding stepping up to a more environmentally responsible methodology.

The Mixology class is new, a new June class is coming for potted succulents. Programming efforts have been focused on working smarter not harder by contracting with local businesses. We're also looking for possibilities to expand options for musical entertainment for events.

May 1st 4:30 to 6:30 is our 2019 Volunteer Appreciation event which will be held open-house style, and include food and entertainment.

Movie screening of the Sandlot will take place on April 25th.

A CPR class is being offered under the *How To* theme – How to do CPR with an AED (in conjunction with Portage Public Safety).

Thursday, May 9th from 9:00 to 11:00 AM is the PSC's Bits of Business event.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Advisory Board Comments:

Doug - Does the board want information regarding PSC events in the South County News? Kim has their email address – will contact them.

Art: coffee dates Jon Hoadley, Friday May 3rd 5-7:00 315 N Burdick street at his office, then May 6 from 7-8:00 AM, then Sean McCann April 25, Parchment HS and last Friday April 26 Richland coffee hour at Parkview Café. Kim will email board members with these dates.

Megan: Annual Greenathon event at Celery Flats with 400 to 450 attending. They handed out most of the trees this year which was very nice. Recruiting members for next year's youth advisory board. Also, Megan belongs to a two quartets which may be able to provide entertainment.

Art: Kudos to the Youth Advisory Board which did a great job at the MLK event at the Air Zoo, ushering over 200 participants.

Tony: Do we do anything for Centenarians? An annual luncheon takes place at a county-wide level. May 23rd, if you know of any Centenarians let Kim know. The PSC supports it and participates in it, but does not celebrate independently.

Trudy Riker asked that the board be alert for possible volunteers for the Shepherd's Center which is in sore need of volunteer drivers.

Citizen comment:

None

Time Adjourned: 3:05 PM

Next meeting: