

Portage Senior Citizens Advisory Board

July 19, 2019

ATTENDANCE:

Bill Wieringa, Mary Lou Petruccio, Linda Zoeller, Douglas Gilchrest, Tony Lorentz, Sharon White, Trudy Riker, Art Roberts

Absent Excused: John Lobo

Guests:

Staff: Kim Phillips

Call to order time: 2:35 PM

June Minutes Approval:

The June minutes were approved as submitted, Larry Smith moved, Sharon White seconded.

Travel Program, Trudy Riker:

Five very successful trips went out last month, the Fish Boil is a popular, well received trip and will be repeated in upcoming years. We do sometimes have participants who overestimate their walking capacity. A more in-depth description of walking levels is being considered.

The next trip preview is coming up on September 28th. Any volunteers are welcome.

The fiscal year 2018-19 resulted in the highest amount of revenue in their history.

Current Events, Sharon White:

Sharon distributed an activities sheet highlighting the activities coming up in August.

Friends of PSC Board Update, Trudy Riker:

Approved purchase of one iPad, financial report approved, capital campaign was discussed and a donation amount was decided upon. Antonio Orteeze was a guest who spoke regarding fundraising ideas. A donor event at the end of September was discussed.

Legislative Update, Art Roberts:

KCASI has a meeting August 19th at 1:15 at the PSC. Meals on Wheels and Loaves & Fishes will be presenting. No Portage Public Schools officials were in attendance at the city hall educational meeting & panel discussion. Kalamazoo Public Schools were in attendance.

Manager's Report, Kim Phillips:

Kim anticipates being back to work by the end of August.

Capital Campaign is progressing nicely, Sept 17 is the official public announcement. So far, 3.2 million dollars has been raised. Pledge forms are being delivered to the PSC today.

One of the issues we will be addressing is the issue of ageism, and the global misperceptions about older adults. If you are interested, there is a great book called This Chair Rocks.

The August meeting agenda item should include a budget analysis report.

Old Business:

None.

Program needs assessment status: Yesterday was the first of two group discussions run by the group consultants hired. We kept staff out of the room during the meeting. Larry Smith commented that many people didn't know where to look for information on what the PSC does. Many of these people did not own computers, Sparks and the Library were suggested as opportunities to learn about what the PSC does. Larry did not see any revolutionary ideas, but many suggestions and ideas would need more space than currently available. There was confusion by the group as to which services were offered by the library vs. the senior center. Doug's perception was that there were pockets of information but nobody seemed to have the whole vision of what is going on currently. A suggestion for a coffee time in which a staff person or knowledgeable member is available for question and answer time.

Kim informed the board that a survey will be promoted in August to help put a road map together for upcoming programming.

New Business:

None.

Activities Reminders:

CBD oil presentation coming up, grocery bingo, and more - check your newsletter!

Advisory Board Comments:

Art Roberts: What is Wild Animals? Binder Park Zoo is bringing animals to the PSC.

Citizen comments:

Time Adjourned: 2:55 PM

Next meeting: August 21, 2:30 PM