

Portage Senior Citizens Advisory Board

June 19, 2019

ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent Excused: Larry Smith, Megan Chow

Guests: Monifa Jumanne, Kathleen Hoyle, Director of Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizen Services

Staff: Dawn Shilts

Call to order time: 2:30 PM

May Minutes Approval:

The May minutes were approved as submitted, Mary Lou motioned and John Lobo seconded.

Travel Program, Trudy Riker:

Six successful trips were taken last month and experienced only one wrinkle which was a date change. That was something we had no control of. We are well on our way to making the income goal for the travel department. As of December of 2018 we had already met our goal. Sweet Memories II is going on right now, a mystery trip in Iowa with 45 travelers. Ashville, NC, Biltmore Estate has just returned.

Current Events, Sharon White:

Not a lot going on in July but be aware of the cooking demonstrations and remember to bring in your purses, scarves & bags for the fall purse sale. The cooking demo is done by Chef Thomas from Heritage Community. Chef Roger from Medilodge will do a demonstration followed by one on the 25th of July.

Friends of PSC Board Update, Trudy Riker:

Legislative Update, Art Roberts:

It was a successful meeting on the Older Michiganian Day with two aides and all the representatives with the exception of the 63rd representative. The KCASI meeting was this past Monday and we talked about the state budget which is still in process and may take until the end of July to finalize. The Attorney General also attended the meeting. Elder Abuse is a huge issue currently.

Manager's Report, Dawn Shilts:

Kim is doing well. Tests came back negative and she will not need additional chemo. Kim is keeping in touch with staff via email and visited a few times. Things have gone smoothly thanks to Kim's preparation prior to leaving.

Greta has been bringing many new ideas into programming, Mixology was a huge success. She's also scheduled a line-up of cooking demonstrations and a presentation by a doctor from Stryker. We had a mini senior expo, the partners potluck at which time students and seniors met parents of the students. Special lunches are very well attended. Greta is working on finding more varied entertainment opportunities. Greta has also come up with a *How To* series including CPR instruction and Downsizing. Greta is currently in Washington at the National Council on Aging Conference. The PSC Aging Mastery Program is leading at national level, setting the bar. Greta had opportunity to present on the program at the council.

Several May trips precluded a very busy June for travel. Mystery trips are hugely popular and the committee is already planning 2020 trips. Two people applied for trip committee positions and were interviewed. The limit for trip committee members is 18 people.

Old Business: None

New Business, Kathleen Hoyle:

Pending program needs assessment: the survey materials getting that through budget approval and get that signed off on and get moving ahead. End of fiscal year is coming up, we have the quotes and are working through the purchasing process. They are going to go through and do some surveys and meetings and follow up meetings geared toward program assessment, looking at new members' interests. GAP Analysis, what we are and are not doing.

Activities Reminders:

There is a succulent crafting party with 28 participants scheduled in which people will paint a clay pot and plant succulents in it. Teaching opportunities are also opening up in the *How To* series. This includes Fruit Carving Know-how on June 27. A screening of Bohemian Rhapsody and an Independence Day luncheon are upcoming.

Advisory Board Comments:

Trudy – please have your comments to me before you leave today.

Don – for next year's golf outing, suggest that the Friends get a local celebrity to join in, Trudy will take the suggestion to the Friends Board. Somebody in the media would be a draw.

Art – Curt Mason or Andy Pepper may be available. The sponsors bid on the celebrity. Check with Ralph & Shirley McKinney regarding radio host participation, WKZO.

Citizen comments: Guest Monifa Jumanne wanted to express her commitment to the advancement of the senior center. For programming, Monifa has a two-hour presentation prepared for the library called Fifty Events and Strategies for Seniors 55 and Over (With Emphasis on the African American Experience). Monifa invites the board to participate in that effort, and/or is open to presenting at the PSC. This will take place at a date to be determined in the first two weeks of August.

Time Adjourned: 2:55 PM

Next meeting: July 17, 2:30 PM