

Portage Senior Center
Advisory Board Meeting
June 17, 2009

Present: Patricia Berninger, David Crawshaw, Dorothy Hazard, Gordon Heikkila, Ruth Ann Meyer, Ruth Michelhaugh, Ann Perkins, Art Roberts, Larry Smith
Absent: (excused) James Hoppe, Nic Oprescu, Stephanie Oprescu

Staff Liaison: Jason Horan

Larry Smith, Chair, called the PSC Advisory Board meeting to order at 2:35 pm. May minutes were read. Motion was made by Patricia Berninger and seconded by Ann Perkins to approve minutes as distributed. Motion passed.

Larry Smith, Chair, distributed an updated roster of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board members.

- I) Celery City Showcase, Jason Horan, Manager
Jason explained the number of tickets sold for each show. Due to low sales for Thursday, tickets were given out to non-profit organizations to enhance audience participation. Various ads, posters, announcements and bulletins were distributed throughout the community.
- II) Manager's Report, Jason Horan, Manager
 - A) Participation for May totaled 6,602.
 - B) Spring/summer activities have resumed.
 - C) Pickleball has been popular and is played every Tuesday evening at Lexington Green park.
 - D) Membership since July 1, 2008, stands at 2,464. May had 24 new members, which reflects a 67% renewal rate.
 - E) A grant of \$1,075 was received for Project Enhance from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation.
 - F) The PSC partnered with the Portage District Library to offer an after hours coffee shop at the PSC on May 15.
 - G) Jason presented to the Area Agency on Aging on Evidence Based Disease Prevention programs.
 - H) The existing step up curb, concrete entryway was cut out and replaced with a graded slope/dove-tailed walk up.
 - I) Staff and volunteers did a major clean out and reorganized the garage and Center on Monday, May 18.
- III) Trip Committee, Art Roberts
 - A) The travel committee and volunteers completed CPR training and AED certification.
- IV) Friends of the PSC, Larry Smith, Chair, reporting for James Hoppe

- A) Larry Smith reminded all board members of the upcoming Pig Roast on July 17. The Friends will have another fundraiser on Thursday, July 23, at Applebee's, called Dine for Dollars. Applebee's will donate 15% of the total dining bill to the Friends of the PSC. Diners must have a coupon, or mention the Friends of the PSC to have their bill tallied in.

- V) Old Business
 - A) Three officially autographed photos of Derek Jeter, valued at \$200, will be raffled off for \$5 a ticket. These were donated by Mr. Jeter to the PSC. The first photo will be raffled at the Celery City Showcase.

- VI) New Business
 - A) Jason distributed copies of the timeline for Friends and operations fund drives. It was agreed that Board members would assist in preparing the mailings and follow up by making personalized notations as appropriate to prospective donors.
 - B) Discussion took place regarding Advisory Board objectives and it was agreed upon that for now the statements reflect present goals and objectives.
 - C) Discussion took place regarding PSC programming and membership related to size of facility, staffing and hours open. This discussion provided insight for future goals.

- VII) Comments from Citizens
 - A) No comments

- VIII) Comments from Board Members
 - A) Discussion on room utilization and rentals took place. Rentals are going well.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2009, 2:30 pm, at the PSC.

Submitted by Ruth Ann Meyer, secretary