

**Portage Senior Center
Advisory Board Meeting
September 16, 2009**

Present: David Crawshaw, Gordon Heikkila, James Hoppe, Ruth Ann Meyer, Ruth Michelhaugh, Nic Oprescu, Ann Perkins, Bethany Schmall, and Larry Smith.

Absent: (excused) Patricia Berninger, Dorothy Hazard, and Art Roberts.
Staff: Jason Horan

Larry Smith, Chair, called the PSC Advisory Board meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. August minutes were read. Moved by James Hoppe and seconded by Ruth Michelhaugh to approve minutes as distributed. Motion passed.

Chair Larry Smith mentioned that David Crawshaw ends his three-year term as an Advisory Board member.

I) Trip Committee –

Jason reminded the committee about the Monday, October 5 winter trip preview to be held in the multi-purpose room.

II) Friends of the Portage Senior Center -James Hoppe

The Friends created a new contribution form and have tightened the budget for 2009-10.

Another “Dining to donate” will be held at Bennigan’s restaurant, Thursday, October 22 with lunch and dinner to be counted toward 20% of the total dining bill to the Friends of the PSC.

III) Manager’s Monthly Report – Jason Horan

A) Attendance and Activities.

The ice cream social to celebrate Portage Senior Center’s 30-year anniversary, August1, was well attended. Over 240 ice cream servings were enjoyed. A special tribute was presented in honor of the achievement by State Representative Larry DeShazor and Mayor Strazdas. This event was held in conjunction with the annual “Party in the Park” event that highlighted a petting zoo. Approximately 600-800 persons attended and enjoyed this event.

B) Membership

Membership since July 1, 2009 stands at 1,571. Jason explained that August renewal notices would be sent in September as this decreases postage costs by almost 50%.

C) Fundraising

The response from the grant proposal to the Area Agency on Aging was approved for approximately \$18,000 of the \$25,000 applied for. Jason stated the staff would explore alternative funding raising opportunities in an attempt to compensate for the decrease of \$7,000.

IV) Old Business

V) New Business

Larry Smith will e-mail copies of the proposed Portage Senior Center Advisory Board 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 Goals and Objectives to Advisory Board members for their

comments and input. Advisory Board members were reminded to submit to Jason their membership list with their selected prospects for the annual fund-raising mailing.

VII) Comments from citizens - None

VIII) Comments from board members

Bethany mentioned some fund raising ideas. Additional discussion took place about the annual fund appeal, and other fundraising ideas.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Next meeting Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 2:30 p.m. to be held at the Portage Senior Center.

Submitted by Ruth Ann Meyer, secretary.