

Portage Senior Center
Advisory Board Meeting
November 18, 2009

Present: Dorothy Hazard, Gordon Heikkila, James Hoppe, Ruth Ann Meyer, Ruth Michelhaugh, Nic Oprescu, Ann Perkins, Mary Lou Petruccio, Art Roberts, and Larry Smith.
Staff: Jason Horan

Absent: (excused) Patricia Berninger and Bethany Schmal.

Larry Smith, Chair, called the PSC Advisory Board meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. October minutes were read. Moved by Ann Perkins and seconded by Art Roberts to approve minutes as distributed. Motion passed.

I) Trip Committee – Art Roberts

The casino trip was cancelled.

II) Friends Update – Jim Hoppe

The Bennigan's restaurant event October 22 brought in \$200. Some members attended a seminar on planned giving. A Michigan NOW grant of \$6,000 was received. The next scheduled fundraiser event "dining to donate" is scheduled for Monday, December 7 from 3:30-7:30 p.m. at Culvers restaurant.

III) Manager's Monthly Report – Jason Horan

A) Attendance and Activities.

Participation for October totaled 6,712. The flu clinic had over 300 flu and pneumonia vaccinations. The Trip Review event had over 100 attending and \$11,500 trips purchased that day. Publicity in the Portage Gazette from the Halloween Luncheon was appreciated.

B) Membership

Membership since July 1, 2009 stands at 1,650. October renewal reminders will be sent out to 97 members.

C) Fundraising

Total funds raised for October was \$14,335. The grant from the Area Agency on Aging equals \$19,517 compared to \$26,000 in 2008. The annual appeal letters were mailed out to 1500 households. Articles in the November *Portager* newsletter and a media release featured in the *Portage Gazette* were additional efforts used for promoting the annual fund drive.

D) Volunteerism

Senior volunteer hours amounted to 2,732 hours over the past month. Teenaged volunteers were recruited for leaf raking.

II) Old Business

Larry distributed a sheet regarding the City of Portage 2025 Vision (Human Services Committee) project with emphasis on the Portage Senior Center. He suggested as a Board we would be proactive in addressing the statements on vision, values, principles and strategies. Discussion followed. Board members should review and be prepared to discuss at future meetings how PSC is reaching the goals of the Vision project.

V) New Business

Larry Smith explained the procedure for election of officers. Dorothy Hazard moved and Art Roberts seconded that the following be candidates: for chairperson, James Hoppe, for vice-chairperson: Larry Smith and Ruth Ann Meyer and for secretary, Ann Perkins. Ballots were distributed. Results of the election: Chairperson: James Hoppe; Vice-chairperson: Ruth Ann Meyer; and secretary: Ann Perkins.

VII) Comments from citizens - None

VIII) Comments from board members

Ann stated enough interested members signed up for a canasta event. The first meeting is scheduled for December 7 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Ruth Michelhaugh will serve as a PSC Advisory Board liason to the Wellness Program, and, start giving a monthly report on the program activities. Ruth is currently a volunteer for this program. Also, it was noted that Bobbe Taber, coordinator for Project Enhance, had authored an article in the "Your Home" southwest September 2009 issue.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Next meeting Wednesday, December 16, 2009 2:00 p.m. to be held at the Portage Senior Center.

Submitted by Ruth Ann Meyer, secretary.