

Portage Senior Center
Advisory Board Meeting
March 18, 2009

Present: Patricia Berninger, David Crawshaw, Dorothy Hazard, Gordon Heikkila, James Hoppe, Ruth Ann Meyer, Nic Oprescu, Stephanie Oprescu, Ann Perkins, Art Roberts, and Larry Smith.

Staff: Jason Horan

Larry Smith, Chair, called the PSC Advisory Board meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. February minutes were read. Motion was made by Patricia Berninger and seconded by Art Roberts to approve minutes as corrected. [Stephanie Oprescu was present at the February meeting.] Motion passed.

I) Directors Report –highlights from Director’s Monthly Report – Jason Horan

A) Attendance and Activities

1. Participation for February totaled 5,286.
2. Forty-four members enjoyed the free concert by the Burdick Thorne String Quartet. This was a partnership between PSC, KSO, and Laurels of Galesburg.

B) Membership

Membership since July 1 stands at 2,105. There were 19 new members in February.

C) Room Utilization

PSC rooms were rented 18 times during the month of February. The PSC was open eight evenings and two Saturdays for senior activities.
Strength training classes continue at PPS administration building.
Yoga class takes place at St. Catherine’s church.

D) Fundraising

Total revenues for February came to \$14,520. This includes memberships, donations, grants, trips, etc.
A total of 48 donors contributed to the Annual Fund drive in February.

E) Volunteer hours for February were at 2,541 hours.

F) Celery City Showcase IV

Jason explained the opportunity for Board Members to help as volunteers for the Celery City Showcase. Also there is a need for individual/group performers to participate in the talent show. All ages are welcome. The fund raising goal is \$10,000. Several changes are planned which include the format. Three evening shows – Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday with no afternoon matinee. Saturday night was not cost effective. Parking will be a challenge at Portage Northern because of construction. A shuttle service will be provided. The dates of the show are June 24, 25 and 26. PSC is fortunate to have Edward Jones as the showcase sponsor

II) Trip Committee - Art Roberts

Several baseball dates have been added. Tigers – June 7 and August 30; Cubs – September 17; White Sox – August 1.

III) Friends of the Portage Senior Center - Jim Hoppe

Scheduled fund raising events – May 11, golf scramble and July 17 – pig roast.

IV) PCOC - Art Roberts

No report

V) Old Business

None

V. New Business

Larry Smith distributed a draft of the “proposed updates for 2009-2010 Advisory Board Goals.” Members are to respond to Larry Smith by Wednesday, March 25, to indicate any changes/additions to the report. Members were in agreement with the key points stated and made some observations to assist Larry in developing the final copy.

VI) Comments from citizens - None

VII) Comments from board members

Ruth Ann reported on her participation in the Kalamazoo County Advocates for Senior Issues (KCASI) meeting on Monday, March 16 at the Senior service’s Coover center. Transit millage brochures were shared. Senator Tom George spoke about the state legislation and the revision of blue cross/blue shield bills. Senator George has had several state area meetings to get input from citizens. Next KCASI meeting is Monday, April 20.

On behalf of the Board members Larry expressed to Jason that we are very pleased he is the PSC services manager, and the Advisory Board is very supportive of both Jason and Bill Deming.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Next meeting Wednesday, April 15, 2009, 2:30 p.m. to be held at the Portage Senior Center.

Submitted by Ruth Ann Meyer, secretary.