

Portage Senior Center  
Advisory Board Meeting  
April 15, 2009

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

Absent: (excused) Gordon Heikkila, James Hoppe

Staff: Jason Horan

Larry Smith, Chair, called the PSC Advisory Board meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. March minutes were read. Patricia Berninger made motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Ann Perkins. The minutes were accepted as presented.

**I) Manager's Report –highlights from Manager's Monthly Report – Jason Horan**

**A) Attendance and Activities**

1. Participation for March totaled 5,186.
2. PSC partnered with West Michigan Glass Society and offered a Glass Art Workshop Feedback was positive, and future activities will be explored.
3. Over 70 PSC members attended the St. Patrick's Day luncheon. This was a cooperative event with Senior Services.

**B) Membership**

Membership since July 1, 2008 stands at 2,217. March had twenty new members, representing a renewal of 72% percent.

**C) Room Utilization**

PSC rooms were rented 15 times during the month of March.

PSC partnered with Schramm's Greenhouse to offer an evening "Garden Talk" series on a weekly basis for March.

**D) Fundraising**

Total revenues for March came to \$21,655. This includes memberships, donations, grants, trips, etc. Portage AM Rotary group donated \$500.

A grant proposal was submitted to the Kalamazoo Community Foundation for \$3,000.

**E) Celery City Showcase IV –June 24, 25 and 26.**

Jason explained the necessity for the Board members to help in various areas. Currently the emphasis is on distributing materials for recruiting talent for the variety show. He distributed examples of cards to encourage persons to audition for the talent show, with appropriate information for possible performers. Next step is to sell tickets and a letter to PSC members will be sent to encourage ticket purchases. Jason reminded the Board that this is the main fundraiser for PSC so changes in the show schedule were required to meet this goal. Past history viewed this as an event rather than a fundraiser. Articles in newspaper have been submitted and "Generations" supplement of the Kalamazoo Gazette will again have PSC activities listed.

**II) Trip Committee - Art Roberts**

No trip committee information at this time.

### **III) Friends of the Portage Senior Center**

No new report. Scheduled fund raising events – May 11 golf scramble and July 17 pig roast.

### **IV) PCOC - Art Roberts**

No report

### **V) Old Business**

Pat Berninger followed up about contacting councilwoman, Claudette Reid, for her attendance at a PSC Advisory Board meeting. She plans to attend the May meeting.

### **V. New Business**

Larry Smith mentioned that the 2008-2009 goals and objectives (distributed at an earlier meeting) were presented to the City Council prior to the deadline of April 24.

Larry explained that there is one opening for an alternate to the Advisory Board and possible persons should contact the City Council. The City Council will hold applicant interviews

On May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**VI) Comments from citizens** - None

**VII) Comments from board members** - None

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Next meeting Wednesday, May 20, 2009, 2:30 p.m. to be held at the Portage Senior Center.

Submitted by Ruth Ann Meyer, secretary.