

Portage Senior Center
Advisory Board Meeting
July 15, 2009

Present: Patricia Berninger, David Crawshaw, Gordon Heikkila, Ruth Ann Meyer, Ruth Michelhaugh, Nic Oprescu, Stephanie Oprescu, Ann Perkins, and Larry Smith.

Absent: (excused) James Hoppe, Dorothy Hazard, and Art Roberts

Staff: Jason Horan

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

Chair Larry Smith thanked Stephanie for the snacks she provided for the board members. Stephanie also mentioned she will be going the University of Michigan this fall. She is attending her last board meeting today.

Jason Horan, Manager of Senior Citizen Services, reported that the Region IIIA Area Agency on Aging had just finished their annual visit as a review of the Portage Senior Center prior to the board meeting.

I) Manager's Monthly Report – Jason Horan

A) Attendance and Activities

1. The Celery City Showcase ‘mini-show’ had 80+ in attendance.
2. The mystery history tour class went well and plans for continuing in October.
3. A mini-bus outing to Fisher Lake accommodated 14 PSC members.

B) Membership

Membership since July 1, 2008 stands at 2,783. June had twenty-five new members. Out of the possible June renewals 71 percent renewed their membership.

C) Fundraising

The Celery City Showcase IV generated approximately \$8,000. Despite some obstacles to overcome, attendance reached 600 people for the three shows.

D) Buildings and Grounds

The maintenance and repair work on the tile floor in the entryway foyer has been done.

II) Trip Committee - Larry Smith for Art Roberts

The baseball game on June 7 was a success with 50 PSC members attending.

III) Friends of the Portage Senior Center – Larry Smith reported for James Hoppe

Reminders of the Pig roast, July 17 and the Friends will have another fundraiser on Thursday, July 23, at Applebee's, called Dining to Donate. Jason distributed flyers for board members to give out to interested persons. It was noted these flyers could be used for lunch or dinner. Applebee's will donate 15% of the total dining bill to the Friends of the PSC.

IV) Old Business

V) New Business

Discussion: ideas on interactions with Portage Community Center.

Jason explained that the PSC is interacting with the Portage Community Center in various projects. The Readers theatre group and head start have shared programs/projects. PSC members provide gifts for the Holiday food drive for the PCC, and the adoption of a family during the Holidays. Members brought up perhaps having a food drive.

As a follow up from last month's distribution of "timeline for Friends and operations fund drives" sheet Jason handed out "All Active member" sheet. By next meeting each board member is to identify 20 people they are willing to write a personal note for the mailing. Jason requested that names be highlighted with a colored pen.

Reminder: It was agreed that Board members would assist in preparing the mailings and follow up by making personalized notations as appropriate to prospective donors.

VII) Comments from citizens - None

VIII) Comments from board members - Stephanie Oprescu shared what she gained from participating on the Advisory Board. She appreciated knowing how things work in government and how volunteer Advisory Boards operate.

Ann Perkins asked if a canasta group could be formed. Jason explained how this is possible and gave a timeline for such implementation.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Next meeting Wednesday, August 19, 2009, 2:30 p.m. to be held at the Portage Senior Center.

Submitted by Ruth Ann Meyer, secretary.