

**Portage Senior Center
Advisory Board Meeting
January 20, 2010**

Present: Jim Hoppe, Ann Perkins, Ruth Ann Meyer, Ruth Lou Petruccio, Art Roberts, Larry Smith, Bethany Schmal, Nic Oprescu, Gordon Heikkila

Absent: excused: Dorothy Hazard, Pat Berninger

Jim Hoppe, Chair, called the PSC Advisory Board meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. December minutes were read. Moved by Ruth Ann Meyer and seconded by Larry Smith to approve minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

I. Trip Committee – Art Roberts

- A) Upcoming: Auto Show in Grand Rapids
Trip Preview – April 12
Baseball games
Ireland in March, 2011, if there is interest
New York City trip in Sept – 5 days, 4 nights with Raymond Harvey

II. Friends Update - Jim Hoppe

- A) Board met on Jan 19 to discuss planned giving
- B) A short update on the Friends Golf Scramble, May 17
- C) Fazzoli's Restaurant fundraiser for the month of February, vouchers are available for \$6.
- D) People are encouraged to use Hardings Scrip Cards - Friends get a % of what is spent to support PSC programming.

III. Manager's Monthly Report – Jason

- A) Planned Giving
Jason met with the Planned Giving Committee in January. A panel discussion will be scheduled for a date in May.
- B) There were 2 Christmas lunches held in December with about 130 participants. Mayor and City Council members served at one or both.
- C) A total of \$10,916 were recorded for December fundraising. Friends of PSC received a grant from United Way in the amount of \$12,942. The three day Christmas gift wrap at Crossroads Mall netted about \$700.

“The City of Portage received a \$250,000 grant from the federal stimulus package, of which \$41,000 is dedicated to the PSC for windows and insulation included as a line item in this grant.”

In May there will be a garage sale Mothers Day weekend. Volunteers will be needed to work before and during the sale.

Mary Lou Petruccio was asked to represent the PSC at an upcoming City Council meeting to give an update on current activities for PSC.

Wellness – the Wellness program is off to a good start with the Food Glorious Food - series of speakers, mindful eating PATH program, and Borgess Dietician. PATH is personal action toward health. There is a diabetic support group, vision program – Jan 21, Upcoming will be Matter of Balance – Westland Meadows, Spring Valley, Michigan commission on the blind presentation for PATH, further networking and collaborating in the community.

Membership – there was discussion on how to retain current membership for the Senior Center and attract new members. It was moved by Art Roberts and seconded by Gordon Heikkila that a committee be formed to report to the advisory council on this matter.

Old Business – The Christmas party held at Oakland Hills Clubhouse was enjoyed by all who attended.

New Business Gordon is working with Jason on getting Windows 7 for the computer lab. Ruth Ann Meyer and Mary Lou Petrulio and Jason attended a KCASI meeting on Jan 18. This is Kalamazoo County Advocates for Senior Issues. There were state legislators present.

Comments from Citizens

Advisory Board Comments

Meeting adjourned at 3:45

Next meeting – February 17 at the Portage Senior Center

Submitted by Ann Perkins, secretary