

Portage Senior Center  
Advisory Board Meeting  
February 17, 2010

Present: Patricia Berninger, Dorothy Hazard, Gordon Heikkila, James Hoppe, Ruth Ann Meyer, Ruth Michelhaugh, Mary Lou Petrulio, Art Roberts, Bethany Schmal and Larry Smith.  
Staff: Jason Horan

Absent: (excused) Ann Perkins and Nic Oprescu.

Jim Hoppe, Chair, called the PSC Advisory Board meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. January minutes were read. Moved by Larry Smith and seconded by Patricia Berninger to approve minutes as corrected. [Names of board members.] Motion passed.

**I) Trip Committee – Art Roberts**

Tiger games – May 13 and Sept. 9. Auto show trip to Grand Rapids cancelled. April Sunday trip will go. The next trip review is Monday, April 19 from 2 – 4 p.m. The New York trip is October 20-25.

**II) Friends Update – Jim Hoppe**

Golf outing is May 17 at Eastern Hills.

Jim reminded board members to purchase tickets for the Fazoli's Italian Restaurant fundraising event for February.

A special promotion for the Derek Jeter photo will be held at the Friday, August 6 Kalamazoo Kings baseball game. This Derek Jeter photo will be raffled off. (See manager report.)

**III) Manager's Monthly Report – Jason Horan**

**A) Attendance and Activities.**

Participation for January totaled 5,870. The free tax preparation appointments filled quickly. The Grocery bingo and new member orientation were highlighted.

**B) Membership**

Membership since July 1, 2009 stands at 1,705. There were 24 new members in January.

**C) Fundraising**

Total funds raised for January was \$5,738 (memberships, grants, donations, room rental, newsletter ads, etc.)

AT&T submitted a sponsorship proposal for the Celery City Showcase talent competition in June.

Jason explained in more detail about the Friday, August 6 Kalamazoo Kings baseball game. Citizens of Portage are encouraged to attend this special event since Portage will be highlighted. . The PSC choir and band will perform prior to the 7:10 p.m. game. There will be fireworks at the end of the game. Special ticket prices will be sold at PSC.

The "Spring Bits of Business" event will be held Thursday, April 15. Jason encouraged board members to attend.

**D) Wellness department**

Presentations on *Glaucoma and General Eye Health* and the *Mindful Eating* were well attended.

#### **IV. City Council Goals and Objectives**

Larry explained that the Advisory Board usually is requested to present these in intervals of six months. Jim requested that board members look at the present list for future input.

#### **V. Wellness**

Ruth Michelhaugh explained in more detail about the presentations that Jason had in his report. Bobbe Taber conducted a "Matter of balance" MOB class. Ruth encouraged all of us to spread the word about the PATH (Personal action toward health) program.

#### **VI. Membership retention committee**

Jim reported on the two meetings that were held by the committee. The new membership packet is being reviewed as to contents and will be revised for the next new member orientation.

As a start to for retaining members some of the committee members will be contacting via telephone the December, 2009 members who did not renew within the next few weeks. A specific script has been written for this purpose.

[Committee membership: Jim Hoppe, Rosann Jacox, Janet Gates, Denita Demler, Lynn Lonze, Jason Haron, and Ruth Ann Meyer]

#### **VII) Old Business - None**

#### **VIII) New Business - None**

#### **IX) Comments from citizens - None**

#### **X) Comments from board members**

Mary Lou wanted to confirm the month she is attending the City Council meeting. She stated that the Older Americans month/Senior Citizens month is in May. Jim will attend a meeting in the next month. He reviewed what his remarks would be on behalf of the Portage Advisory Board.

Bethany requested a consideration for starting the Board meetings one-half later since the Portage school day as been extended.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Next meeting Wednesday, March 17, 2009 2:30 p.m. to be held at the Portage Senior Center.

Submitted by Ruth Ann Meyer, for Ann Perkins.