

Portage Senior Center

Advisory Board Meeting

August 18, 2011

Present: Jim Hoppe, Ann Perkins, Ruth Ann Meyer, Mary Lou Petrulio, Art Roberts, Larry Smith, Nic Oprescu, Gordon Heikkila, Pat Berninger, Dorothy Hazard, Ruth Michelhaugh

Staff: Jason Horan **Guest:** Adam Herringa, Deputy Director of the City Clerk's Office

Absent: excused: Fatima Mirza

Jim Hoppe called the meeting to order at 2:30pm.

Report from Adam Herringa: Portage City Council is requesting an annual update report from the various commissions on their current activities and programs. This report will be given orally at a planned City Council meeting. Jim Hoppe will give the presentation for this year.

Advisory Council suggested he cover these topics: our assistance with the accreditation process, the Apple Fest where we will host the pig roast, our annual garage sale, travel programs, membership retention committee, being actively involved in fundraising events. This presentation will occur on September 28, 2010 Other Advisory Council members are invited to attend this Council meeting.

Reminder Goals and Objectives will occur in April. Fiscal year runs from July 1 – June 30.

The June minutes were read and approved. Art Roberts moved to approve and Larry Smith seconded. All approved as read.

Jason gave an update on the accreditation process which is now in progress. There are nine sub committees. Jason has met with the majority of these committees. At present the self evaluation is taking place. Report will be submitted for a peer review by the National Institute of Senior Centers. Then we will be informed as to whether or not we receive the accreditation. Friends group will cover the costs of the peer review.

**Trip Committee – Art Roberts
October 18 is the Trip Preview**

The committee met on August 16. Upcoming trips include: Dracula – October 27, Princes Di and Betty Ford exhibits – November 12 in Grand Rapids, It's Beginning

to Look a Lot Like Christmas – November 18 in Munster, Indiana. Possibility of Mary Poppins at the Detroit Opera House.

Friends Update – Jim Hoppe

Mary Prange has resigned as Board Chair for the Friends Group. She was presented with a life membership for the Portage Senior Center.

Manager’s Report – Jason Horan

The Talent Show had an attendance of over 900. Net proceeds were over \$2000. Membership (cumulative) is 1783. Match Day was very successful and brought in over \$16,000. Reminder: keep voting re: the Lori Moore Cookbook. Monies are divided among local charities. There is a local foundation which will match money going to the winning organizations. The Pig Roast (part of Apple Fest) committee has met at Schrier Park. Concessions (food,etc) will be available, no admission fee.

Wellness: Ruth Michelhaugh

PATH – Bobbe is a master trainer and is training lay leaders.

PATH had completed a program with Ministry with Community, program started with E Main Church of Christ. Upcoming programs include: Wednesday, September 29th Feeding the Body, Mind and Spirit . Path Lay Leader Training, Diabetes Support Group, PATH for Health Care professionals and Matter of Balance Workshops to resume in the fall. Alzheimers Walk – Oct 3.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Citizen comments: none

Advisory Council comments: Art updated us on recent additions and cuts made by Transportation (metro bus routes). We were advised to bring in any information that will help seniors or others needing alternative transportation to events or appointments when public transportation is not available.

Minutes submitted by Ann Perkins, Secretary

Next meeting is September 15 at 2:20, Portage Senior Center.

Please notify Jim Hoppe if not attending.