
**Portage Senior Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2015**

Board Present: Ann Perkins, Ruth Ann Meyer, Gloria Padilla-Carlson, Mary Maisto, Mary Lou Petruccio, Trudy Riker, and Bill Wieringa

Absent Excused: Monifa Jumanne, Art Roberts, and Patricia Berninger

Unexcused Absence: Michael Martin

Staff: Kimberly Phillips, Senior Citizen Manager

Chairperson Ann Perkins called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

One correction to the minutes was to add that Art reported on the upcoming trips. It was moved by Ruth Ann and seconded by Trudy that the minutes be approved as corrected. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Mary Maistro announced that she was resigning from the board.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Management Report for August (Kim)

- Total active membership for August: 1,294
- There were 26 new members and 60 renewals
- Membership has remained pretty constant over the last couple years
- There has been a lot of new member interest
- In August, we started the evening meal program. There were 29 people served in August and 30 in September. In October, the Green Valley Boys will perform at the dinner.
- 37 people participated in the 9 hole golf outing held at Sates and we actually made money

Program and Services (Gloria)

Gloria attended the Elder Abuse Conference and is attempting to get one of the speakers from there to present to the Board. She is also trying to Erin from the Alzheimer's Association to speak.

Travel (Trudy)

- There were two trips in "Back to the 20's" trips September. They were a great hit.
- September 27th will be a trip to Detroit to watch the Tigers and Twins play.
- There are two Mystery Trips scheduled for October
- On October 24, a trip to Shipshewana is scheduled to enjoy the music of Charlie Pride
- The trip review meeting is scheduled for October 26th at 1:30 PM

Kim announced that Johanna Thompson has resigned as Trip Coordinator. Until a permanent replacement is found, Mary Maisto has agreed to fill in. Ruth Ann moved that the Board send a note of appreciation to Johanna for her years of dedicated service. The motion was seconded by Trudy and unanimously approved.

Friends of PSC Update (Trudy)

- Kim is reaching out to Friendship Village and Heritage Community to tell them of PSC's services and activities to expand awareness.
- Liability insurance has now been procured by the Friends of PSC for their events and its Board has been bonded
- There will be a donor event on October 15th to thank those who have contributed in the past and hopefully encourage them to be even more generous in the future
- The Friends Board is review our code of ethics to determine if they want to do one of their own modeled after ours
- Greg Miller and Ryan Tuttle have resigned and there are at least two people who have expressed interest
- The spring golf outing will be held at Gull Lake Country Club this next year

Legislative Update (Ruth Ann)

- The US Senate Appropriations Committee is recommending a 41% cut to Medicare and Medicaid funding in the next budget
- There is a County millage proposal on the ballot in November to fund the Yes For Kids campaign which is intended to assist homeless kids

Old Business

- Ann requests that we all make sure to bring our blue Advisory Board binders to the November meeting so that we can review and update them
- Kim reports that reaccreditation process is moving along. 2 or 3 of the sub-committees have completed their project thus far and we are about half way to completion.
- A reminder that election of officers will take place at the October meeting

New Business

- Updates to the city council on the progress of our 2014/2015 goals will take place sometime in early November. The Board reviewed the goals and added a few accomplishment we have achieved. Those will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

Activities Reminder

- The Native American Art, Artifacts, Tales & Myths event will be held on September 21st at 1:15 PM
- The Evening Meals will continued to be served on the third Tuesday of each month from 5:00 – 6:30 PM. Remember to come to the October meal to enjoy the Green Valley Boys.
- Sarah McCoy will present an Anti-Trafficking program on October 13th at 7:00 PM
- The next Coffee with Public Safety is scheduled for October 15 at 1:30 PM
- Donna Odum presents History of the Underground Railroad on October 22nd at 1:00PM
- The Senior Expo will be held at the fairgrounds this year on October 6th
- On Saturday, October 3rd from 9:00 – 2:00 PM the City will hold its Visioning Workshop at Portage Central

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

The next Advisory Board meeting will be held October 21st at 2:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Submitted by Bill Wieringa