

Portage Senior Citizens Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2015

Present: Monifa A. Jumanne, Ruth Ann Meyer, Gloria Padilla-Carlson, Mary Lou Petrulio, Trudy Riker, Art Roberts, Bill Wieringa

Absent Excused: Ann Perkins, Patricia Berninger

Absent Unexcused: Michael Martin

Staff: Kim Phillips, PSC Manager

Chair-designee Mary Lou Petrulio called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM. The chair asked for approval of the September minutes. Art moved and Ruth Ann seconded the motion that the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved with these amendments: 1) "Trip review" to "Trip preview"; "nine hold" to "nine-hole"; and 3) "Odum" to "Odom," among others." The minutes were approved as amended.

Management (Kim)

Kim introduced new Advisory Board members: Sharon White, Jean Wenz, and Kathleen Mishler.

- Total active membership for August: 1,281
- Total of 17 new members and 46 renewals
- Total volunteer hours 2,098; pay equivalent: \$45,692.

Highlights

- 15 - Evening Meal, good turnout
- 15, 22, 29 - Presentations by Bronson Hospital staff on neuropathy, stroke, and foot pain
- 21 - Presentation: Native American Art, Artifacts, Tales & Myths

Financials

Income: \$10,893.

Travel Program

Total of 77 @ "Back to the 20's," "A Capitol Adventure," and "Tigers vs. Twins," among others.

Programs and Services

Wellness (Gloria)

Gloria attended a presentation sponsored by the Kalamazoo Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition, with presenter Sara Morley-LaCroix. Gloria said Sara did "an incredible job" portraying the extent of human trafficking in the state of Michigan and in the Kalamazoo area.

Travel (Trudy)

- Trudy's assessment: "The mystery trip was wonderful."
- Mary just returned from a successful trip to Mackinaw Island.
- Tickets are available for "Pippin" and "White Christmas."

Sharon asked if Board members were required to pay for theater tickets. The answer was, "Yes; everyone pays."

Friends of PSC Board Update (Trudy)

- The Friends board has set aside funds to underwrite scholarships for nine PSC memberships.
- The pilot session of the city's Farmer's Market was called "quite successful." Plans are underway for a farmer's market next summer, to be located in the PSC parking lot.
- The board is considering a repeat purse sale in April 2016.
- A technology program is coming to help with Web site and member skills upgrades.
- The "thank you" donor reception has been postponed until spring 2016.

Legislative Update (Ruth Ann)

- Voters should understand the millage proposal on the November 3 ballot, which will fund the "Yes for Kids" campaign, an initiative that assists homeless youth.

Old Business

- Kim's update: reaccreditation continues as a work in progress, with the hope that all committee work will be done by the end of November.
- Election of officers: PSC officers for 2015-16:
 - Bill Wieringa, chair
 - Gloria Padillo-Carlson, vice-chair
 - Sharon White, secretary

New Business

- The Board welcomed new members: Sharon White, Jean Wenz, and Kathleen Mishler.
- Bring the blue Advisory Board binder to the November meeting.

Activities Reminder

- 10/22 - History of the Underground Railroad in Southwest Michigan
- 11/5 - All Day - "Day of the Dead" Exhibit
- 12/17 - "Countdown to Kwanzaa: Celebrating Family, Culture & Community"
- Tribute to veterans display

Advisory Board Comments: None

Citizens' Comments: None

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.

The next Advisory Board meeting will be November 18, 2:30 PM at the Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Monifa A. Jumanne