

Portage Senior Citizens Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2013

Board Present: Patricia Berninger, Jim Hoppe, Mary Maisto, Ruth Ann Meyer, Ruth Michelhaugh, Ann Perkins, Mary Lou Petruccio, Trudy Riker, and Larry Smith

Absent Excused: Monifa Jumanne, Art Roberts, and Audrey Searing

Staff: Jill Hess, Deputy Director

Guests: None

Chairperson Larry Smith called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. February minutes were discussed. Ruth Ann moved to accept the minutes as written. Jim seconded, and the motion carried.

Management February Report – Jill

- Participation and outreach activities for February totaled 2811. We are experiencing steady growth in areas of health and wellness, and recreation. The MySeniorCenter™ software is already helping to get real-time data on participation.
- Total active memberships for February were at 1797, with 13 new members and 32 renewals. Jill reported that the Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) group made the decision not to be senior center members, and they will no longer meet at the Portage Senior Center (PSC).
- Volunteer hours totaled 1253.
- Babs Smith donated a screen protector for the new MySeniorCenter™ kiosk used daily for registration and data management. We are grateful to a private donor for \$2000 given to PSC, plus an extra \$1000 provided through the Pfizer Foundation Matching Gifts Program. This money helped with purchase of new lobby furniture for PSC.
- The March 2013 Portager contained an article about the new PSC registration system. Filming was also done at PSC for an upcoming public access program about the center.

Items for Information

- Wellness (Ruth) – Ruth and Ruth Ann attended a KCASI session entitled “No Car, No Bread – The Challenges of Growing Older in Kalamazoo County”. Ruth would like to bring the presentation to PSC.
- Trip Committee (Trudy) – We had a successful daytrip on March 1, extended trips to Florida and California in February, and a very informative talk at PSC by Phyllis Rose and best-ever friend Dave on many of their travels.
- Friends of PSC (Jill) – A bequest of \$15,000 was made to the Friends organization.
- Portage Community Center (PCC) – No information this month.
- Youth Advisory Board – No information this month.

Advisory Board Comments: None

Citizen Comments: None

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The board stayed to attend Leadership Development Training by Ann MacCreery, Volunteer Kalamazoo Education and Community Outreach Director.

The next Advisory Board meeting will be held April 17 at 2:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Submitted by Mary Maisto, Secretary