

Portage Senior Citizens Advisory Board

Minutes: December 18, 2019

ATTENDANCE:

Doug Gilchrist, Larry Smith, Bill Wieringa, , Sharon White, Trudy Riker, Linda Zoeller, Mary Lou Petrulio, Joe Magalski

Absent Excused: Art Roberts, John Lobo, Tony Lorentz, Megan Chow

Absent Un-excused:

Guests: None

Staff: Kim Phillips

Call to order time: 2:32 PM

The minutes for November were approved with no corrections with Bill Wieringa moving and Sharon White seconding.

Kim showed the marketing video recently created for the Capital Campaign. She also reported that the total private donations is now at 3.96 million dollars. Bill reminded all board members that all are asked to make a Capital Campaign donation so that we show our full support.

Special Events, Sharon White:

A list of upcoming events was distributed to board members.

Kim reported that re-configuring the tables in the large room allowed for seating of 120 instead of 96 for the Holiday luncheon. This allowed for all of the members on the wait list to be included.

Trip Committee, Trudy Riker:

The trip committee did not meet. Trudy reported that sign-ups for future trips is ahead of last year at this time.

Friends of PSC Board Update, Trudy Riker:

Their retreat will take place January 21st at city hall.

Friends of the PSC Board member's election of officers took place this month and they have a new Treasurer.

Their finances are very healthy, they recently wrote a check to the Capital Campaign for \$30,000. They are looking into how to acknowledge the large donors.

They approved a scholarship request of \$750.

Doug reported that he received a letter from the Friends of the PSC inviting him to attend their annual retreat.

Legislative Update, Art Roberts:

Art was not in attendance so there was no legislative update.

Youth Advisory Board update, Megan Chow:

Megan was not in attendance so there was no Youth Advisory Board update.

Managers Report, Kim Phillips:

Kim distributed the manager report to board members.

Kim reported that 45 members attended the new member breakfast.

PSC staff is looking at how to publish the bi-monthly newsletter sooner.

Kim mentioned a new class coming in February which she signed up for; Ukulele Class for Beginners.

Old Business:

All members present signed the Senior Citizen Advisory Board Duties and Responsibilities document. Kim will follow up with Advisory board members that were absent to have them also sign.

New Business:

Kim reported that chef Roger (from MediLodge) will no longer be able to provide the food for the Senior center lunches. PSC staff is looking for a replacement, it will be hard to match his price of \$6/person. Kim said that they may be able to use some of the millage money so that any increase does not have to be passed onto members. Kim also said they want to continue to have luncheons every 4 to 6 weeks. They have purchased more plates and silverware to accommodate the additional seating.

Kim reported that Greta Jenkins is leaving because her husband is being deployed to Germany. She expects to be back in one year and she has expressed a desire to come back to the PSC. Her replacement has been hired, her name is Julie VanderNoot, she has lots of experience. She is being trained by Greta and will work part time, as Greta did.

Kim reported that the PSC is looking into possibly hiring a Health and Wellness coordinator (new position).

Kim reported that the we still have not received the money from the millage but progress is being made and she expects to have the funds available by the end of January.

Doug recommended posting the Senior Advisory Board Mission on the bulletin board along with a picture(s) of board members and everyone thought that was a good idea. The plan will be to take a group photo at the January meeting.

Activity Reminders:

February is Black History Month. Plans are to have a lunch with soul food and also an event with a gospel choir.

Advisory Board Comments:

Linda mentioned that the African American dance event was very good and informative, they even got her to dance.

Kim reported that December has been a very busy month for the PSC staff and they did a great job of getting everything done and helping each other out. She asked all of us to thank them when we see them.

Bill thanked Doug for a seamless Chair-person transition.

Everyone who saw Doug's annual Senior Center presentation to the City Council on December 3 agreed that he did a great job and it was well received by City Council.

Citizen comments:

There were no citizens in attendance.

Time Adjourned: 3:10 PM

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 2:30 PM