

Portage Senior Citizens (PSC) Advisory Board

Minutes: March 16, 2022

Call to order:

Chairperson Doug Gilchrist called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM.

In Attendance:

Doug Gilchrist (Chairperson), Larry Smith (Vice Chairperson), Joe Magalski (Secretary), Trudy Riker, Art Roberts, John Lobo, Bill Wieringa, Linda Zoeller, Linda Clampi, Sharon White, Jean Balazs

Absent-Excused:

Genevieve Kim (Youth Advisory Committee), Ashlyn Haigh - (Youth Advisory Committee)

Senior Center Staff Present:

Kim Phillips, Kimberly Middleton

The minutes for the Feb 16, 2022 meeting were approved with one correction (under Legislative Update, the correct spelling is Christine Morse); Art made the motion and Bill seconded it.

Travel Program, Trudy:

- The pre-trip review gathering will take place in the fall.
- Masks are still required on the bus.

Legislative Update, Art:

- At the national level, there has been discussion about nursing home reform.
- At the state level, elimination of the state tax on pensions continues to be discussed.
- The next KCASI meeting will be March 21 via Zoom and features Kelly Jonker, Long-Term Care Ombudsman.
- This year's Older Michiganians Day is designated as May 11th.

Friends of PSC Board Update, Doug

- Doug attended the March 15 Friends meeting.
- Doug shared their calendar, they have many events coming up and are looking for volunteers.
- They still looking to fill the part time position for an aid.

Youth Advisory Board:

- No report

Managers Report, Kim:

- The Monthly Operations Report for February was provided on the back of the agenda.
- Overall attendance is increasing but is still below pre-Covid levels.
- The PSC is now a contract provider for United Healthcare which means that anyone with that insurance gets their PSC membership paid for by United Healthcare.

Old Business, Kim:

- Update on current status of Senior Center (current location)
 - The PSC now has use of the full parking lot which will allow for more events.
 - United Healthcare will be providing the next Veterans lunch.
- PSC Construction Update
 - The construction crew has been making great progress.
 - The tentative plan for the move into the new building is:
 - April 29 - Last day open in old building
 - May 2-6 - Pack up items from old building
 - May 9 - Start moving into new building
 - May 20 - ribbon cutting ceremony
 - May 23 - Start "soft" opening
 - June 6 - Start fitness classes
 - Based on the above, Kim suggested we cancel the May Advisory meeting. After a brief discussion, Trudy made a motion to cancel the May meeting, Linda Z seconded it and it was approved.
 - The PSC will be looking for volunteers to help with the start up.
 - The new building will be a site for election polling.
- PSC Fee Increases - nothing new to report
- Kimberly reported that she is working on scheduling community resource presentations for our Advisory Board meetings (as discussed in our February meeting). For the April meeting, a representative from the Kalamazoo Area Agency on Aging will be coming.

New Business:

- Membership Update: Kim
 - Kim provided a summary of membership numbers; including revenue since 2018.
 - Many people took advantage of renewing and obtaining a new membership before the fees increased in March. For fiscal 2022 (ends June 30, 2022), revenue and lifetime memberships are way up.
 - Many members are now paying via credit card (the PSC recently added this option).
 - 70 people attended the March new member breakfast.

- Marketing Plan: Kim
 - Kim handed out a copy of the latest Marketing (& Communication) Plan and gave a brief overview of it.
 - It was noted that the new location with the electronic sign will help to reach out to more people as they drive by.

Activity Reminders

- There will be a Centenarian luncheon at the PSC in May, 2023.

Citizen comments:

- N/A

Advisory Board Comments:

- John - congratulations to Kim for being featured in an up-coming edition of Encore magazine.
- Art - commended Larry on the great job he did at the new member breakfast.
- Linda Z - glad to be back after her surgery; she has started physical therapy.
- Sharon - She is happy we are all back, welcome Kimberly, and congratulated Kim.
- Doug - thanked Larry, welcomed Linda Z back, and welcomed Kimberly to the PSC.

Doug adjourned the meeting at 3:17 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 20 at 2:30 PM.