

Senior Citizens Advisory Board

Minutes: May 20, 2020

ATTENDANCE:

Doug Gilchrist, Larry Smith, Bill Wieringa, Linda Zoeller, Mary Lou Petruccio, Art Roberts, John Lobo, Tony Lorentz, Joe Magalski, Sharon White, Trudy Riker

Absent Un-excused: All board members were in attendance!

Absent Excused: Megan Chow

Guests: None

Staff: Kim Phillips

Call to order time: 2:32 PM (Due to Covid-19, the meeting was held Online using WebEx)

It was noted that we did not meet in March and April due to the closure of the PSC.

The minutes for February were approved with no corrections with Art Roberts moving and Bill Wieringa seconding.

Special Events:

No Report (due to the closure of the Senior Center on March 12 at 5 pm)

Trip Committee, Trudy:

All trips through July have been cancelled.

Some of the trips from August through the rest of the year have also been cancelled. This includes the trip to the Grand Hotel in September. The Detroit Tiger game trip has not been cancelled yet and may take place if they start up Major League Baseball. Most trips that were cancelled will be re-scheduled in 2021.

Friends of PSC Board Update, Kim:

The Friends of PSC Board has met twice (online) since our last meeting.

The May Golf Outing was cancelled. They are looking at doing a different fund raiser sometime later this year or early next year.

The purse sale format will possibly change.

The Friends have appealed for more donations due to the lack of income from the closure in March and it has been successful.

The Friends will be providing their annual operations support of \$35,000 to the PSC.

Legislative Update, Art:

Nothing to report.

Youth Advisory Board update, Megan:

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

Managers Report, Kim:

Kim provided the PSC Operations Report March and April. Obviously, the numbers are were way down due to the closure of the PSC.

The PSC has not been able to do any membership renewals since March 12.

Our Accreditation renewal is on hold due to covid-19. We should get an extension of our current Accreditation which is set to end in the spring of 2021.

The donations for the Capital campaign for the new Senior Center building is still going on but the donations have slowed down. We are currently at \$4.2 million (goal is \$5.5 million). Staff are looking at some grant opportunities.

Old Business:

Nothing to report

New Business:

Kim reported that the Kalamazoo Area Agency on Aging has been distributing food boxes for older adults in Kalamazoo County. They are stored at Loaves and Fishes and are available to anyone over 60 years old who does not get meals delivered to them. To date, the PSC has assisted with 7 that have been given out. The PSC staff has called PSC members over 80 years old, with a low income, or had previously received a scholarship to offer the food basket to them. Membership to the PSC is not required, all they have to do is call the PSC and self-identify as in need.

The re-opening was discussed.

- The PSC is committed to re-opening.
- Kalamazoo County, National Senior Institute, Michigan Executive Orders, and other Senior Centers are providing information with the changes that must in place prior to re-opening.
- Plexiglas has been installed around the front desk, chairs in the lobby area will be re-arranged to adhere to 6 foot social distance requirement.

- We will initially re-open with fitness classes and transportation to Meijer's (for groceries). We will slowly add activities.
- A Temperature check will be done as members enter the building.
- We are planning on adding the ability to pay with a credit or debit card.

Activity Reminders:

Kim reported they the PSC struggled initially to provide online classes but have had some success with the following Online classes.

- Aging Mastery Program
- Diabetes 101
- Gardening Q&A
- Yoga
- Ukulele Classes
- Reminiscence Writing Class

Advisory Board Comments:

We discussed our next meeting and whether it should be cancelled. Linda made a motion keep the June meeting as scheduled but cancel it if Doug and Kim determine it is not necessary. Larry 2nd the motion and it passed.

Trudy asked for a board member contact list, Kim will provide this to all board members.

Bill asked about the ground breaking for the new building. Kim said the hope is that it will occur later this year. Kim saw a 3D rendering of the new building and it looked very good.

Art asked about the status of other area Senior Centers. Kim reported that most are still closed. She also mentioned that the Portage Community Center was still closed.

Doug thanked the board members for their service to the PSC. He has noticed how well board members get along and respect each other opinions and that he is proud to serve as our Chairperson.

Citizen comments: None

Time Adjourned: 3:09 PM

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 2:30 PM