

SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

January 13, 2015, 4:00 PM

Present: Val Buckley (Director/ex-officio) Mary Burlinson, Cheryl Constand, Sharon Creegen (Chair),
Anne Fiyalka, Joan Kirk (ex-officio), Kay Oestricher (ex-officio), Prabha Gupta (Secretary),
Absent: Eunice Hanson, Maryellen Diana, Eric Lawton, Sal Santella

New member to be added to the Advisory Board is Mary Ann Freeman.

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM by Sharon Creegen.

There were few amendments to the November 18, 2014 meeting Minutes:

Few spelling mistakes in names (Creegen, Hwan, Praba, Steap). Corrections : Creegen, Hwang, Prabha and STEAP.

6. Should be Newtown Savings in Monroe instead of Trumbull and Shelton. Many should be any.

Minutes approved as amended. (Cheryl/Sharon). Motion approved.

Old Business:

1. Update on senior center van: The engine needs replacement and the approx. repair cost is \$12000. It is better to buy a new one. The cost for a new van is \$55000-\$65000. Val is waiting for the answers from the State and also from Ford, the Van dealer. State can't provide a new bus grant till Sep. 2016. For now the center has rented a van but it does not have any wheel chair access.
Senior center van is mainly used for transporting the seniors for medical purpose. It is a community spirited project so the center would have to raise money for an early purchase. In an attempt to purchase a new van, Val will send a begging letter to the seniors, and also Crosstown.
2. Parking/speeding issues: Parking construction is finished but still there are some safety concerns. More easy access parking for the center is needed. Few suggestions were made :
Green area around the median should be converted to the parking lot for the center.
(Cheryl/Sharon). Motion approved.
Speed bump is needed to slow down the traffic. (Cheryl/Sharon). Motion approved.
Stop sign is needed to slow down the traffic. (Mary/Cheryl). Motion approved.
3. Holiday boutique/gift wrapping: Boutique sales raised \$3500. Kudos to Maryellen. Gift baskets were beautiful. Gift wrapping raised approx. \$400-500. Next year we will advertise more to the whole town to raise more money.
4. Update of STEAP Grant: Until now nothing has been heard.
5. Update on Security Issues: The whole center is equipped with CCTV cameras for the safety and security of the volunteers, staff and the seniors. There are signs everywhere stating that room is being monitored.

New business:

1. The 2015/2016 budget will be discussed in the next meeting on February 10, 2015.

Fundraising:

2. New tag sale will start from Jan.26.
3. Possibility of selling Easter Lilies: Center would start initiate this project in Feb., Val may attempt to coordinate with Garden Club.

Motion made to adjourn at 5:10 PM. (Sharon/Cheryl). Motion passed.

Submitted by,

Prabha Gupta