

Saline Area Senior Council, Inc.
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 18, 2019
11:30 AM

The Saline Area Senior Council General Membership Meeting was called to order by President Lucy Crossey at 11:35 AM.

Present: President, Lucy Crossey; Vice President, Jim Low; Secretary, Judy Slater; SASC Director, Nancy Cowan; Mayor, Brian Marl; Community Education Director, Brian Puffer.

Excused Absence: Treasurer, Bill Nicholls; Member-At-Large, Michele Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

Minutes of General Membership Meeting of November 20, 2019 were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Cowan gave the report in Bill Nicholls' absence.

The November trial balance shows status quo. There have been significant membership registrations; teacher payments are yet to occur. Nothing substantial has changed since last month.

Reviewed and accepted.

Director's Report: Nancy Cowan

The Helen McCalla Trust grant that we received in 2017 updated our laptops, iPads, and an automatic coffee station. We applied again in fall of 2019 and have been awarded \$16,955. It will fund the separation of the current billiards room to make a space for the library to move into; and create a fitness room from the existing library, adding the NuSteps from the hallway, a treadmill, a rower, an elliptical and free weights. Memberships Nancy has been in conversation with the billiards group about this change, considering a potential update of the tables by replacing the current four with two better tables. If the total renovation cost exceeds \$16,975, the Board will consider using some of the SASC fund balance.

Nancy pointed out a request by the staff for members to offer suggestions for this transition, referring to page 7 of the January-February 2020 newsletter, which announces upcoming SASC Member Input Sessions on Tuesday, January 14 at 10:30 AM and Thursday, January 16 at 1:30 PM, asking for attendance RSVP to the office.

Our January General Membership Meeting will take place as usual on the third Wednesday, January 15 at 11:30 PM. There will be no General Membership Meeting in February. In its place is the Wednesday, February 19, 11:30 AM Chili Cook-Off social event, costing \$5, the usual cost of the monthly meeting. Megan Kenyon is assembling the cook-off contestant group, perhaps more than last March will bring their delicious chili.

Nancy stressed the importance of everyone participating in the 2020 Census, saying that for each person counted, \$1,800 is allocated to the local jurisdiction. Census will be taken by phone, internet and in person in February and March 2020. She noted that snowbirds count if they reside for six months at one address and encouraged our snowbirds to respond to Census 2020 from their Michigan address.

Our use of Liberty School facilities will be reduced for several months due to facility and HVAC renovations. We are looking for another site for Pickelball, Volleyball, and the winter indoor Walkers.

Noon Year Eve party is mid-day on Tuesday, December 31. Andrea is planning activities including trivia games, a movie, and of course, food.

Travel:

Toledo Zoo and Spaghetti Factory trip has one more available space tomorrow.

Thursday, tomorrow, is the New Year Tea at the Governor Crosswell Tea Room in Adrian.

Our trip offerings are minimal in January and February due to winter.

The Auto Show will be in summer 2020 instead of January.

“Lion King” in Toledo, Sunday, March 29 has 14 reservations spots available. We need early signups to meet the early cancellation deadline.

Program Report: Megan Kenyon

Lunch today is provided by Clear Captions, courtesy of Lynwood Taylor: chicken pot pie, salad, rolls, and chocolate cake.

Thank you to the New Horizons Band for adding musical holiday cheer to our lunch today.

SASC is closed on New Year’s Eve, December 31, except for the Noon Year’s Eve party. Among New Activities in 2020:

We are introducing a Stock Market Game in January. Participants will manage a portfolio of \$100,000.

Mindful Meditation Meet and Greet is Wednesday, January 8 from 2 - 3 PM. Sessions will be January 15 - February 19 from 2 - 3 PM. Depression/Anxiety Support Group, Tuesday, January 14.

Presentation by Lynwood Taylor of Clear Captions:

Lynwood is a Title IV Hearing Specialist. He reported to us that 40 percent of people over age 40 struggle with hearing; that hearing loss causes isolation, thus threatening health and wellbeing. The telephone device he installs has no cost to the customer. Among its features are fast dial contacts and favorites; adjustable font size and color; near real-time captioning; and answering machine with captioned messages. Requirements for installation are: hearing loss; home phone service landline; internet connection for home phone; and iPhone 5s or newer for mobile phone. Interested people may call Lynwood Taylor at 734-927-0783.

City Update: Mayor Brian Marl

For the 2020 Census, it is estimated the \$1,800 annually for a 10-year period accrues to the City for each Census respondent. He stressed the importance and imperative for every person to participate. He announced that the City has a working committee for encouraging resident participation.

Mayor Marl thanked SASC members who participated in the City's recent visioning session and at his coffee hour.

He announced the success and enjoyment by all of the 44th Annual Christmas Parade.

He announced that our January Membership Luncheon is a week before his State of the City Address, which will feature City accomplishments and vision.

Among Saline's interests in the proposed Andelina Farms subdivision development are the wastewater discharge onto city property, and the Austin and Michigan Avenue transit impact. The subdivision is proposed to contain 258 units: a combination of single and multi-family. Sewer services options are being considered. Several phases of the process are in motion: City Hall has copies of the proposed Agreement between the city and the developer. The City wants consensus on the Agreement by mid-June.

Mayor Marl said that many are asking about the timing of the project.

A specific schedule will occur when escrow funds are deposited and a construction schedule is filed.

A question: what impact will the project have on Saline schools? Mayor Marl answered that Superintendent of Schools, Scott Graden, is the person to ask, and that Saline aims to seek, welcome, and support families with children.

Saline Area Schools Update: Community Education Director, Brian Puffer.

School will close Friday, December 20 and resume Monday, January 6 for the holiday.

The gymnasium at Liberty School will shut down after spring break for HVAC renovations.

March 14 is the Spring Craft Show. Entrance passes for SASC members will be available at the front desk soon.

There were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 AM.

Hanukkah and Christmas Prayers were offered by President Lucy Crossey.

Lunch Sponsored by Clear Captions, thank you.

Birthday Recognition

Submitted by Secretary, Judy Slater