

Saline Area Senior Council, Inc
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes via Zoom
Monday, December 11, 2020

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Lucy Crossey at 9:07am via Zoom.

Roll Call: President, Lucy Crossey; Vice President, Katherine Lawless; Treasurer, Bill Nicholls; City of Saline, Mayor Brian Marl; Community Ed Director, Brian Puffer, SASC Director, Nancy Cowan: Excused Absence: Lori Lucy, Secretary, SASC Member, Sue Kelch

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion made to accept minutes, carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Bill Nicholls

Two reports this month. Now that the audit has been completed for Saline Area Schools (SAS), we have final numbers for FY 2019-20. The income for the year was \$16,465.61, primarily as a result of a grant from the Helen McCalla Foundation Trust Grant for the fitness room.

The November financial report was shared, current year income thus far is \$9,284.69.

A motion made to accept the reports, carried unanimously.

Director's Report: Submitted by Nancy Cowan

Programs: All still virtual with one small walking group taking place outside. Pickleball is on hold at Liberty Gym due to the recent Covid spike in the county and schools being back to virtual. The "boo bags" / October treats, for randomly selected members were so well received, we will be doing a similar holiday cookie deliver to about 30 members in December. Donations have been secured from a few local businesses and SASC will create and add to the boxes for delivery by staff. Meals on Wheels (MOW) has 31 individuals currently. Kathy Adamson has done a wonderful job organizing and keeping the program on track. The Thanksgiving turkey meal donated by Matt and Janet Dillon, prepared by The Saline Inn, was much appreciated by the clients. Such generosity is heartwarming.

The newsletter for January / February is complete and has been emailed to members. The hard copy should be here by the end of the week to mail out. With the delays in mail, it could take a while to reach households. It can always be found on the SASC website.

Membership renewal postcards have been created / printed, and will be mailed this week to over 600 households. The cards highlight what the center has accomplished this year and membership benefits. We hope this will provide some extra details / support for those registering online for the first time. Memberships can also be completed via our drobox as well. We know without being physically open right now and many older adults staying home, this may prove to be a challenge to start the new membership year.

Covid Update: Numbers are still high / steady in the county. SAS has stated only essential work time for staff is to be done in the office, other work all at home currently. Masks must be worn at all times while in the building or at any programs.

Stonhard has begun redoing the floors. The first color they put down was supposed to be a match to what we had, grey, but it was quite beige. Their color has codes had changed and the crew was unaware. A new light grey color has been selected and will be completed in the next few weeks. The cost will still be the same.

Unfortunately, SASC did not receive the Helen McCalla Grant for 2021, the refurbishing of the divider walls. The total project cost for that is just under \$16,000 right now. This is really one of the last big projects I foresee currently at the center. The walls are peeling and at twenty years old, needs additional upkeep. Our fund balance is very healthy and this would be an appropriate use for it. I working with the company that provided the first quote, to see if we can lower the cost at all by utilizing any warehouse stock they may have. I hope to have more information by the next meeting or two.

President's/Board Items: Mayor Brian Marl gave a brief City update before having to leave the meeting. The new City Manager, Colleen O'Toole, begins today, bringing with her over 20 years of experience. The future of wastewater services is being discussed at the meeting tonight (Dec 14). The Interim Superintendent is Mark Fehik. The Rec Center is struggling this with closures due to Covid. A budget amendment will be considered to stabilize the facility.

Community Ed. Director Brian Puffer gave an update on schools, stating that everything is back to virtual again until likely after the winter break. More information will be released in early January on a return date.

Vice President Kathy Lawless showed her appreciation for the instructors that have been teaching virtually since March - they are a lifeline to so many. She asked about compensation and how that is decided. Nancy stated that some instructors and staff sign a contract at the beginning of each session, which includes a mutually agreed upon rate. They are all contractors and either receive a percentage of the fees taken in from classes or an hourly rate. All are compensated well and similarly to other instructors at other facilities.

Public/Board Comments: Member Sue Kelch asked about teaching classes and how someone could do that. Nancy explained the process and Sue stated she may have something she'd like to teach, which can be directed to Megan or Andrea. Depending on the topic, one of these team members would work with her.

Sue provided some insights on the Covid 19 vaccine rollout occurring at UofM. There are various tiers and more information is to come. Nancy stated that SASC staff has requested the vaccine to be given at SASC in the future if possible, similar to the flu shot clinic that is run at SASC. However, there is currently no information on when / if that can happen. SASC is working to provide educational opportunities to members in the coming week. A free educational session on how the vaccines were develop

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41am

Submitted by Nancy Cowan on behalf of Lori Lucy