

Saline Area Senior Council, Inc.
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 16, 2019
11:30 AM

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

Present: President, Lucy Crossey; Vice President, Jim Low; Secretary, Judy Slater; Treasurer, Bill Nichols; SASC Director, Nancy Cowan; Mayor, Brian Marl.

Absent: Member-At-Large, Michele Hall; Community Education Director, Brian Puffer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

Minutes of General Membership Meeting of September 18, 2019: Reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Nichols

The income statement shows a surplus of \$9,681. This happens every year. At this point, we are taking in money faster that we are paying it out. There is no balance sheet for FY 2018-2019 until we hear from the school board.

SASC Member Mary Hess asked about investments. Bill answered that we have about \$550,000 in CD's. Mary asked that a footnote be added to the monthly financial report that listed our investment value and thanked Bill for providing the figure. Motion made to accept report, motion carried.

Introduction of Saline City Council Candidates:

Jack Ceo, Kevin Camero-Sulak, and Jim Del Orco introduced themselves. Candidate Brian Cassise was unable to attend, having been invited at the last minute. Mayor Marl pointed out that interviews of all four candidates are available online at the thesalinepost.com

Director's Report: Nancy Cowan

The November - December newsletter is out; takes up to 30 days' delivery in bulk mail. The newsletter is available online at salineseniors.org, Facebook, and in the office.

The third annual Health Fair had 33 vendors and \$2,200 in revenue. Members complimented the staff on the many vendors being available in one place thus making it easier for seniors to collect and evaluate information in their effort to make choices and decisions about care, health, and housing. 115 flu shots were given.

The first Bag and Jewelry Sale was Megan's undertaking. \$2,550 was earned on donated items - some of which was gold sold to a jeweler. Perhaps we will have another such sale during the same time as the Spring Craft Fair when many more people will be in the building. Thank you to the many volunteers who spent the year pricing items and to the volunteers for setting up and managing the day of the event.

Friday is the Mystery Trip with 29 people signed up. We are going west this year.

We are now accepting credit cards for registrations, only a small 3% merchant fee is added on at the time of use. SASC has no access to member account numbers. Membership registration must still be done in the office, however after that, an account can be requested on-line and registrations can be accepted via our website.

Program Report: Andrea Lewis

Today, Galaxy Brain Center is here.

Brain Fitness II will occur in the New Year.

Monday, October 21, from 2 - 7 pm is the Blood Drive.

Sharon Morrow has open Medicare appointments; call the office to schedule.

Mah Jong has moved to Wednesdays at 1:30pm.

Liberty School, Wednesday, October 30, at 1 PM is the Pooh Corner Parade for about 20 children. If you come, bring non-food treats.

Veterans Day, Monday, November 11 at 12:30; lunch by Heartland. Free to vets; \$5 donation for others. A Rosie the Riveter "Tribute," a person, who supports Rosie history and fund raising for the Willow Run Yankee Air Museum construction, will present a program about the Rosies.

Patty Hart British Invitation music, Friday, November 15 at 1:30 PM.

Board Comments:

President Lucy Crossey asked, but there were no new SASC members in attendance to introduce.

City Update: Mayor Brian Marl

Saline City's second annual Job Fair, community-wide, is November 19, from 2-6 PM. 30 to 40 businesses participated last October 2018. There is still a local need for access to talent as in 2018. Registration will be held at the Methodist Church at Woodland and Saline Ann Arbor Road. Please pass the word.

A Town Hall event: Coffee Hour on Thursday, November 7, from 6 -7 PM with Michigan State Representative Donna Lasinski and Mayor Marl at the Saline District Library.

The northwest quadrant of the city is scheduled for sidewalk repair. Residents can opt in to the program; drop off a form at city hall to be notarized.

Andelina Farms on the West side will not start this year.

The Saline Township Board is coming to Saline for annexation proposal support.

October 23, 6:30 - 8:30 PM is the Trunk or Treat event in the city parking lot, a great family event. Last year there was in excess of 500 children. If you are participating, bring lots of candy.

The Saline/Highland bridge construction is expected to complete construction in the next two weeks.

A SASC member, Bill Bradford, asked the Mayor if any affordable condominiums are being built in Saline. Mayor Marl answered that we need more in Saline, but there is a lack of support across the nation for state or federal matching funds to build affordable income-based housing.

Key Bank parking lot is collaborating with the city to provide off-business hours parking for the community. City council approved the partnership. Thank you to the bank.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Prayer by President Lucy Crossey.

Birthday Recognition.

Submitted by Secretary, Judy Slater

Lunch was provided by EHM. Thank you!