

SALINE AREA SENIOR COUNCIL, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes via Zoom
Monday, July 13, 2020

The Saline Area Senior Council Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Lucy Crossey at 9:02 AM.

Roll Call: President, Lucy Crossey; Vice President, Jim Low; Treasurer, Bill Nicholls; Secretary, Judy Slater; Director, Nancy Cowan; Mayor, Brian Marl; Community Education Director, Brian Puffer.

Guests: Kathy Lawless, incoming Vice President and member Sue Kelch.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved as amended and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Nicholls

The provided report is preliminary; we do not have the CARES final numbers, probably in September we will receive the final CARES report.

We have the PPP loan of \$34,000 for May and June, and we expect loan forgiveness. Nancy said we would be initiating a process for loan forgiveness with Miranda at the schools office. In the meantime, we have a surplus of \$34,000 now; some changes in where the funds are recorded may take place once Bill discusses the load with our CPA.

The \$16,995 Helen McCalla Grant for the fitness room renovations has so far incurred \$15,672 expenses as of the end of June. Some equipment remains to be purchased.

The report was approved as presented.

Director's Report: Nancy Cowan

The fitness room construction is complete; two pool tables and half of the furniture have been sold; refinishing of remaining chairs is being completed. New fitness equipment has been delivered: treadmill, elliptical, weights, matrix items with low mileage were one half price. There is extra money for a rowing machine and a "concept 2 rower" which is higher off the ground. Pictures of the new spaces will be distributed soon. A scanner has been purchased for key card access to the fitness room; it will assist in tracking statistics too.

About opening: Michigan is in phase four of the Governor's Safe Start Plan. It is most likely that Senior Centers will not be opening until deep in phase 5 or the beginning of phase 6. There are setbacks in Michigan, Covid-19 positive tests are rising; we are not open by this time as hoped. Ann Arbor Community Foundation has invited the senior centers in the area to apply for some grant funds as a group, to assist with physical reopening supply costs.

While SASC is closed, staff has been working from home most days but is going in to the office at least one day a week to do some cleaning and projects. Staff has refinished the copy room floor and is refinishing the billiard room stools and high top tables.

A quote for replacing the peeling paper panels on the movable wall is expected soon, it is likely to be upwards of \$8,000. To meet this expense, Nancy may be able to apply for another Helen McCalla Grant, if SASC is invited to apply again this year. Applications are usually submitted in October, and then awarded in December. If a grant is not secured for this project, the Board could approve it from funds SASC has on hand. Lucy asked if the weight of the movable wall

panels would be more uniform after renovation, and what type of guarantee would be provided on the wall not breaking down. Nancy stated we would have a warranty on the work but the walls are known to be a little tricky in general. Nancy has asked for a “one-key system” to be a part of the quote as well, which will assist with the walls working smoother.

Many fitness classes, trivia, and bingo are taking place online. Pickleball has begun outdoors again as well. The education sessions and social discussions have not received much interest. Outside classes present problems for heat and cold sensitive seniors; clogging on asphalt is not ideal. SASC is working to cooperate and share programs and resources with other centers in the area.

The patio has been cleaned and the old patio furniture has been sold. No purchases of new furniture have occurred to date.

Nancy thanked Jim Low for serving four years as Vice President, asking him to keep the center informed of the New Horizons Band concerts. Judy Slater was thanked for her secretarial work recording meetings; she will remain on the Board as Member-at-Large.

Nancy welcomed two new members to the Board: Kathy Lawless, Vice President, and Lori Lucy, Secretary.

Community Education Report: Brian Puffer

Brian reported on “Art in Saline,” a local project aimed at displaying local artists’ works in outside venues, asking if the Senior Center would be interested. The art panels are 48 x 63 inches, weather protected, installed to the wall. They appear downtown and at the entrance to City Hall. The Board asked Brian to send us more information.

Brian reported that the Liberty School gym is almost finished. Summer outside sport camps are “so far, so good,” with 45 youngsters at Pleasant Ridge; and a group at Parks and Recreation.

Mayor’s Report: Brian Marl

Brian noted the Washtenaw County Health Department citing an uptick in Covid-19 positive test results in Saline. Large gatherings are the culprit. A press release is forthcoming as well as a public service announcement.

Suggestion Box: Not available during shutdown.

President Comments:

Lucy asked about a memorial for Michelle Hall; none has been scheduled yet. Donations have been received for a plaque to honor Michelle on the Legacy Wall.

Lucy noted that there are no minutes for the April 21 special Board meeting for approval of the PPP Loan Application. Nancy will send a copy to Lucy and add it to the web site.

General Comments:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Submitted by Secretary, Judy Slater