

Saline Area Senior Council, Inc.
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 19, 2019
11:30 AM

The Saline Area Senior Council General Membership was called to order by President Lucy Crossley at 11:31 AM.

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

Absent (excused): Vice President, Jim Low; Member-At-Large, Michele Hall; Community Education Director, Brian Puffer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

Minutes of General Membership Meeting of May 16, 2019: Reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Nichols The income statement is posted in the hallway each month for anyone to review. June 30 is our end of year; we are on track. The final CARES report and information from the schools is typically to us in late September or October. We have a planned deficit of \$17,000. Reviewed and accepted.

Director's Report: Nancy Cowan

The Newsletter was mailed out a week ago. It is also available on our website: salineseniors.org.

Megan Gilson, our facility cleaner, has resigned. Thank you, Megan for 12 years. We appreciate all she has done at the center. A new contractor from the city building is being considered. Julie Waits, our building supervisor, does some cleaning on Monday and Wednesday evenings as her schedule allows.

The Board passed the 2019-2020 budget at the recent Board Meeting.

SASC struggles with filling up trip registrations. Please sign up early to keep us from canceling due to insufficient enrollment.

The July boat trip has full enrollment.

The Lansing Grand River and Mystery trips are coming up. Please join us.

The 8th annual Mayor's Conference is this Friday, June 21 at 8:30 AM. Invite a friend. The schedule includes: fitness, cooking, self defense, and Chief Hart talking about scams that typically target seniors. We can accommodate 90 people.

No election is needed this summer as both incumbents ran, unchallenged from the Board. Congratulations to President, Lucy Crossey and Treasurer, Bill Nicholls.

Program Report: Andrea Lewis

Our July-August Newsletter includes several new activities: acupuncture every other Wednesday; exercise class; Galaxy brain therapy center presenting "Brain Fit" Wednesday, July 10 from 1:15 to 3:15; the Wednesday Conversation Club features speaker Jody Hilberer, July 3 from 10 to 11:30 to speak on local shopping from her perspective as the organizer of Saline

Farmers Market; German class meet and greet is July 8 from 11 to 12 with the weekly schedule beginning July 15; Acrylic Art, “messy and fun” is on July 11.

Guest speaker today: Emily McCulloch presented her project “Hope Blankets.” At age 11, this Saline High School sophomore began making more than 150 blankets on her grandmother’s sewing machine. She has hand-delivered her blankets to hospitalized children who are sick or have special needs. One blanket was mailed to Australia. Emily contacts families on social media to arrange delivery. Her website is:
Hopeblanketsemily.weebly.com

Community Education Director Update: Brian Puffer

Community Education Summer Camps have begun.

July 4 Fireworks for the community will be in the field near the middle school.

Board Comments:

City Update: Mayor Brian Marl

Come to the second annual “Fabulous fireworks” on July 4 at 10 PM in Crabtree Field between Liberty School and the Saline Middle School. Fireworks were donated by a local developer. Join us for live music, ice cream, and kid activities.

Come to my Mayor’s Conference this Friday, June 21 at 8:30 AM. The schedule includes: fitness, cooking, self-defense Chief Hart, and a Government Panel. We can accommodate 90 people, and encourage you to invite a friend to fill the current enrollment of about 70.

On June 24 the bridge repair at Saline-Milan Road began. The road will be closed 1 ½ to 2 months depending on the weather.

The City has negotiated a good recycling contract with Waste Management. It includes previous services: grass pickup as usual; one large item on the curb a week if a resident calls ahead for pickup; and bound sticks and limbs pickup as usual. New to the contract beginning July 1 specifies that by August 1 trash needs to be in a special container, which Waste Management will deliver to each customer. Three different sizes will be available to customers. The company is automating trash pickup which requires the specific new containers. Also, new in the contract: no trash bags will be accepted.

Last month, a Saline delegation visited Brecon, Wales and Saline, Scotland (pronounced “say-lin”); a city that goes back to the 13th century.

A “Dangerous Abandon” ordinance was passed by City Council. It will be used to address the abandoned car wash behind Tractor Supply; the owner will be instructed to rehabilitate or demolish the structure.

Member Comments:

Geri Hale asked about the new hotel progress. Brian answered that the current focus is on the interior.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Prayer by President Lucy Crossey.

Birthday Recognition.

Submitted by Secretary, Judy Slater

Lunch was provided by Evangelical Homes of Michigan. Thank you!