

Senior Advisory Board Minutes
January 23, 2012

Present: Cliff Swanson, Carrol Olson, Julie Jensen, Judy Klawitter, Warren Schuft, Rick Reiner

City Staff: September Jacobsen, John McRaith

Absent: Harriet Sturges, Louise Jessen

- I. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Carrol Olson
- II. Secretary's Report: The November minutes were examined. Rick made a motion to approve the minutes and Warren seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
- III. Treasurer's Report: September reported the current bank balance is \$10482 and that there is one check still outstanding. Last month's deposit was \$3926. The treasurer's report was extended to recap fundraising for 2011. The source and amount raised included the following: dance floor rental- \$1350, chair cover rental- \$1250, pool concessions- \$202, tax preparation donations- \$589, dish cloth sales- \$71, dish rentals- \$576, card sales- \$1878, for a total of \$5917. A total of 5906 cards were sold in 2011. A new treasurer will be chosen at the February meeting. Rick made a motion to accept the report with a second from Warren. The motion passed.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Tours- Julie reported \$1394 in revenue over expenses for tours in 2011. She also informed the group that the December 2nd trip to Crown College was sold out. The January 18th tour to the Old Log Theater went but did not have a full bus. The February 16th excursion to St. Ben's currently has 30 people registered. Julie has arranged a trip to two flower shows for March 27th and already has 39 people signed up. She is currently putting the finishing touches on the May and June tours, one of which will be stepping aboard the University of Minnesota Centennial Showboat for a dining experience and a presentation on Mark Twain.
 - B. Update on Programs- September reported that approximately 75 people showed up for the New Year's party. The Center's video tour for January landed the group in London. During the next couple months the Planet Earth videos will be showing weekly. These films cover many different facets of nature around the world and some of the camera shots are breathtaking. The movie "The Help" was shown and was well received.
- V. Business
 - A. Welcome to New Board Members- The year begins with two new members joining the advisory board. Judy Klawitter and Warren Schuft will be filling in the spots vacated by Phyllis Birkholz and Randy Bullert. A note of thanks for all the efforts of our outgoing members.
 - B. Fundraising- September reported that the new budget requires some increase in revenues. To assist in that endeavor the Center is considering potential fundraisers. One such event will be a musical presentation coming up this summer. Tickets will be sold for \$7 each and proceeds of the show will benefit the Senior Center. The board was asked to ponder other possible fundraisers that would assist in meeting the new budget requirements.
 - C. Internet Upgrade- The Center currently has internet that is very slow and does not allow for streaming content. It was proposed to upgrade the system to a higher speed and then drop the cable tv contract. In addition, the Center could potentially sign on with Netflix to get their monthly movies. September will look into this further. Warren made a motion that the system be upgraded with a second from Rick. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Kitchen Renovations- To make the Center more user friendly, the City is considering possible upgrades to the kitchen area. The hope is that this will allow a caterer to cook on site and provide a new revenue stream for the Center. The City is also considering the possibility of moving the senior nutrition program to the Event Center site. These proposals are still in the idea stage and no definite plans are in place at this time.

VI. Adjournment: Warren made a motion to adjourn at 11:59am with a second from Rick. The motion passed.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 27th at 10:00 a.m. - John McRaith, Secretary

Senior Advisory Board Minutes March 26, 2012

Present: Cliff Swanson, Carrol Olson, Julie Jensen, Judy Klawitter, Warren Schuft, Rick Reiner, Harriet Sturges

City Staff: September Jacobsen, John McRaith

Absent: None

- I. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Carrol Olson
- II. Secretary's Report: The February minutes were examined. Harriet made a motion to approve the minutes and Rick seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
- III. Treasurer's Report: Warren reported the current bank balance is \$6531. Last month we had \$196 in card sales and \$100 in tax donations. There was also a tour reimbursement of \$704. Cliff made a motion to accept the report with a second from Rick. The motion passed.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Tours- Julie reported that the March tour to Macy's tomorrow, which include's lunch at Murray's, is sold out. They will also visit the Como Park Conservatory. The timing appears to be ideal with nice fresh flowers due to the early spring. The April 24th trip to the Lafayette Club is also sold out while the showboat tour has 38. June will bring a tour to the Dianna exhibit at the Mall of America, and July will include a Breezy Point cruise on Pelican Lake. Already planned for late summer and fall is an August visit to the state fair, a September mystery tour and an October mystery dinner tour.
 - B. Update on Programs- September reported that the fellowship dinner has only 28 signed up for irish stew. The movie "The Grace Card" was well received. Next month the movie is "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close". The "Planet Earth" series is over now but the group really enjoyed them. Massages are available once a month and it is really a good deal for only \$5. The book clubs are doing well. The exercise class with videos was intended to fill in for Karen Shaw while she was unavailable. Participants requested that they be continued even though Karen is back. Line dancing is still going strong. The tax program has had some issues with keeping regular hours. The board discussed the situation and decided that we must have some predictability for the seniors coming to have their taxes done or just drop the program. Some local tax services will do senior returns for as cheap as \$10 a return. September will discuss this with the tax preparers. This month Travel at a Glance will head to Australia. The April Fellowship Dinner will feature sliced roast beef. The Senior Dance in March broke even financially and featured the Night Owls. The new schedule for dances will be March, April, and May, and then resume in August, September, and October. The biking club will be starting next month at 9:30a on Tuesdays. Tracy will begin the program but the group will have no specific leader once it is up and running. Karen Kurth is a new worker at the Center and her hours are funded through a separate state agency. Thursday, April 26th is the date for this year's volunteer luncheon. Volunteers will get five dollars in Hutch Bucks as a token of our appreciation. Net Flix is up and running and a new Blue Ray dvd player has been purchased. The donation box is now available at the Center. The suggested donation will be one dollar per week.
- V. Business
 - A. Board Members- The board was saddened by the news that Louise Jessen, current board member, had passed away last week. The board was asked to consider options for a memorial in her honor. Her enthusiasm and cheerfulness will be greatly missed.

VI. Adjournment: Warren made a motion to adjourn at 11:45am with a second from Rick.
The motion passed.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 23rd at 10:00 a.m. - John McRaith, Secretary