

**Minnetonka Senior Citizen
Advisory Board Minutes
Nov. 14, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by President Ruby Berg. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. ROLL CALL found all present except Judi Mullin. Dave Johnson of Minnetonka Recreation Services was our guest and brought us news of changes in the way we do senior services beginning January 1, 2007. The building use is growing and changes will be made to combine the Senior Center and Facility offices. Staff will be cross-trained to provide information about both senior programs and building facility use. Steve and Nicole will become city employees. This has become necessary because the building use has been growing and there were not enough people to handle that. The senior program will not change. The senior receptionist will change (ex: also help with people waiting for information about wedding receptions). Steve's office will remain the same, but Nicole will be with the receptionists. She'll have an office in there. A suggestion was made to have a large sign or awning over the new combined office. Instead of Karmen (one person), now three people will be helping visitors. Bill mentioned that he needs the conference room and wonders if the new receptionist will be a notary. These changes will begin around the first of the year. Steve will be on vacation beginning in January. We thanked Dave for this information.

The MINUTES were approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Income was \$1,347.91. On Nov. 1st, the deposit was \$2,999.70 - we've never had a weekly deposit this high before. MSC to adopt report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Ruby had nothing to report, but wondered what the Board thought of offering free lunches to those who work, either at the Wednesday lunches, or all events. Deferred to later in the meeting.

STAFF REPORT - Steve said the digital camera has been ordered and should arrive soon. He congratulated the three new members on the Board. We gave congratulations to Steve for becoming a city employee. He had been with Senior Community Services for 26 years. He mentioned the need for a role for volunteers – to continue to help in various ways. Nicole will go to Jenny's office. Mike goes into the conference room, but nothing is really set in stone yet. Some seniors question having to write three checks for example if they sign up for three classes. The city will try to work it out so one check would cover all classes. These changes won't necessarily benefit the city financially. Also, as of January 1st, Defensive Driving will be registered through the Minnesota Safety Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

- City Open House - Good event with many families and little children.
- Anniversary Party - Big success and good food.

- Thanksgiving Party - Filled early - 220 registered.
- Flu shots - Good turnout, good comments, well-organized, 180 participated.
- Weekend & evening events - Need to do better and keep asking people what they would come out for. Nicole suggested a scrapbooking class. Travelogues are also popular. A Saturday am exercise, yoga, or Pilates class was suggested for 9 or 10 am. There was discussion about Duplication with other facilities. The Hand & Foot game, continental rummy, card games, or Saturday movies were also suggested. Staff coverage was also discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Holiday Gala - caterer will be Nelson's, and entertainment provided by the Skip Moore Combo. (Eddington's was mentioned as another caterer we might use.
- Mills Landing Shoppe - Steve gave us some history of the shop. They give a yearly report to the Advisory Board, so a representative will be here at the January meeting. They are open Wed. - Sat., 10am - 4 pm. Regarding money, they have their own treasurer. Last year they had \$36,600 in sales. They have fewer volunteers now. They require that the person donating be a Minnetonka resident and that the crafts be homemade. Over several years, they have given \$28,000 to the city.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Program - Karen reported that we will host a "high tea" on May 3, 2007. The room has been scheduled and also a harpist. Guests will bring their own teacups, will wear hats, and we'll need many volunteers.
- Sunshine - a card sent to D. Williams.
- Memorial - nothing
- Outreach - Kaye mentioned voting needs, also there are free lawn markers for snow plowers. (They were distributed.)
- Lois mentioned new members.
- Discussion on volunteer meals - MSC to provide free meals to volunteers beginning in Jan., 2007 at all events. It was suggested evaluating this after six months.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Wednesday lunches in December
- Monday, December 18, at noon, Holiday Gala

Respectfully submitted,

Marj Harn, Sec.