

Minnetonka Senior Advisory Board
Minutes
February 12, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Lois King. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Kaye Fredensborg served as secretary and will provide notes for Lois King to write the minutes. Roll was called with Ruby Berg, Jerilynn Bergeson, Donna Bloom, Dave Carroll, Ann Dreier, Kaye Fredensborg, Wanda Griep, Lois King, Richard Koenig, Karen Mast, Marie Moilanen, Judi Mullin, Ron Timm and Steve Pieh present. Bev Montgomery and Bill Lurth were absent. The January minutes were approved with a correction that Wanda Griep had not suggested the lunch with Bingo but did check with the Bingo group.

Representatives from the HOME program came to update us on their services and were reported first on the agenda. Kitty Engle, Program Director from SCS, Valerie Anderson, the Minnetonka Coordinator and Amy Beseth presented. HOME provides homemaking, repairs, painting, lawn mowing and snow removal, seasonal work e.g. raking, window washing and yard clean-up for seniors age 60 and up. Work is done by paid staff, independent contractors and volunteers. Staff and volunteers are given background checks and must supply references. Typically, homemaking services may be two hours every other week. Payment is on a sliding fee schedule. HOME is a service of SCS and funded through Title III, Metro Area Agency on Aging and other donations. In Minnetonka last year they did 768 jobs for 121 clients that included 2200 hours of service and 700 volunteer hours. The jobs were mostly homemaking and mowing.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Jerilynn passed out the December financial report from the city showing \$20,775.91 brought forward with 75% to go in the scholarship fund and 25% in the Capital Improvement Fund. About \$5,000 of this was already spent on the new laptop and projector, during January of 2008, so it did not appear in the December report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – No Report.

STAFF REPORT – Steve reported that on February 26th there will be a program on water resources in Minnetonka, (Richard Koenig will help with the dishes) and the First Community Ballroom Dance on Friday, May 2nd.

OLD BUSINESS:

Marie Moilanen and Ron Timm were welcomed as new board members. The board is now at full strength. The Volunteer Recognition lunch will be April 14th at noon with the Grace Notes. We may put up some display of volunteers at work. We will travel to the Bloomington Senior Center at Creekside, 98th and Penn for our March 11th meeting. Meet at 9:20 a.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center for a ride in the van. Jerilynn, Judi and Marie will drive separately. We completed the NAPIS forms required for dining services. Bring \$3.25 for the lunch. Kaye

moved and Donna seconded that we approve the mission statement as developed at our special meeting on January 24th. The statement reads – To develop and promote programs and services in our community to meet the diverse needs of those 55+. It was approved unanimously. We have not heard yet about the CUB food stand fundraiser. We will need many volunteers if we are awarded this. Judi will check on the availability of a similar opportunity with Fresh Seasons that would only involve a Friday evening. Wanda and Steve reported a lack of interest in a Bingo with lunch event. Karen reported that the used book and pie sale will be September 18th and a notice will go into the April Script so people can start saving their books. The new bowling group will meet on Thursday mornings with the Hopkins Activity Center. Kaye, David and Ruby are currently on our team. Judi met with three ladies last Friday about the theater. There are one act comedies available on the internet and they are looking for one without royalties. Ron said he may know someone who could direct or act. The Men's Discussion group has met twice with four - five participants. Kaye passed out brochures and told us about Legacy Assisted Living facility, a home for about six residents needing assistance that her friend has opened in Minnetonka. She can arrange a tour for anyone interested.

NEW BUSINESS:

HOME report. Steve asked if there would be interest in presenting a "Community Connections" program featuring speakers from key areas of our community e.g. local authors, business people, media, award winners, schools, etc. Lois and Maria will look into some potential speakers. A subcommittee was appointed to work on the goals to support our mission. Lois, Donna, Richard and Ron volunteered. Volunteers who worked Kids Fest were thanked. Steve reported new personnel from Senior Community Services. Sue Gallus is the new director and Marian Danielson is the new social worker for Minnetonka. She will be at the Community Center the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Program – Karen reported that 62 paid and eight volunteers will attend the Valentine's Day lunch. Attendance at these events is consistently lower than a year or two ago. The St. Patrick's lunch will be March 17th, the Cinco de Mayo lunch on Monday, May 5th and May 8th there will be a "Back to the 50's" lunch and party.
- Sunshine – Ruby sent one condolence note for Maxine Bremer
- Outreach – GNO will be suspended until September.
- Volunteer – Ruby said she has enough volunteers for February events.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- March 11th – leave for the Bloomington tour at 9:20 a.m.
- Wii – Tuesdays, 9 – 11 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kaye Fredensborg and Lois King

