

Minnetonka Senior Citizen
Advisory Board Minutes
August 12, 2008
10:00 a.m.

Mission Statement: To develop and promote programs and services
in our community to meet the diverse needs of those 55+.

Present: Ruby Berg, Donna Bloom, Dave Carroll, Ann Dreier, Kaye Fredensborg, Wanda Griep, Lois King, Richard Koenig, Bill Lurth, Karen Mast, Marie Moilanen, Bev Montgomery, Ron Timm. Staff: Steve Pieh, Ron Schwartz.

President, Lois King, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order.

Staff Report: Steve reported that the Hopkins - Minnetonka Recreation Services fall brochure has been published and features pictures of senior activities.

Roll Call showed everyone was present. Marie Moilanen introduced guest, Richard Wildberger, who may consider becoming a Board member.

Minutes of July 8, 2008, were approved.

President's Report: Lois talked about the need to review Advisory Board goals.

Old Business:

Book Sale: Thursday, September 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with prep day on September 17 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Several members are visiting the Book Sale at the Plymouth Senior Center today. Wanda Griep will get a form for the IRS reporting the donations if the persons ask.

On-line Registration: Steve reported that software is available and the program will be implemented within the month. Each person needs to register in person and get a pin number.

Hats/Shirts Sales Orders: Steve reported that orders are being taken; deadline August 18.

Focus Group: Steve reported on the Focus Group he recently led about Senior Center events. Given four choices of time, weekday events and weekend day events were favored. Event topics favored were, in order: educational, historical, outdoors, entertainment, volunteer opportunities, and sports. The reasons people do not participate are: cost, busy, or reluctance to go 'alone'. Suggestions were: (1) to email when openings exist in events and (2) to show the level of difficulty of walking/standing in program descriptions, as well as (3) to schedule events with other senior centers for some events when low subscription occurs. There was discussion which indicated that active seniors will drive to events away from the center if organized by MSC, but that leaves more fragile seniors out; carpooling cannot be organized by MSC because of liability. More consideration needs to take place about this problem.

Senior Federation: Richard Koenig and Donna Bloom attended the Senior Federation in July, reporting that there are 10,000 members in Minnesota and 150 in Minnetonka. The Senior Federation focuses attention on areas of Medicare, medical costs, health care, housing, and taxes relative to seniors. Richard and Ruby Berg will attend the meeting in August, the third Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. at MSC.

CUB Food Wagon: Steve thanked those who worked selling hot dogs and brats, which may earn more than \$1,000 for the MSC. Dave Carroll will contact CUB to make sure we are considered for involvement next year. It was suggested that shorter shifts would be

advisable.

New Business:

Board Goals: A review of goals will be done on Tuesday, October 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the annual retreat meeting of the Board, to be held at the Westridge Pavilion.

Board Meeting Time: A brief discussion confirmed that the current regular meeting time of 10:00 a.m. is preferred by almost everyone.

Utility Bill Inserts: Inserts are being placed in bills sent out October 1, November 5 and December 3 to publicize MSC standard information and monthly events.

Veteran's Photo Display: Is being developed for the display cases during November. Veterans are being invited to bring photos for the display.

Oktoberfest Picnic will be held at Shady Oak Beach on Friday, Oct. 3 at noon. An accordion player, Larry Malmberg, will entertain. This is an experiment at an off-site event.

Committee Reports:

Program: There was no report.

Sunshine: Ruby Berg sent three sympathy cards this month.

Volunteer: Help for the Pork Chop Supper is nearly complete.

Speakers: Marie reported that Don Shelby is too busy, Paul Douglas is not available.

Marie's committee has developed a large data base of speakers, topics and approaches.

Dates to Remember:

Pork Chop Supper - Monday, August 18, 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Reservations indicate a heavier sign up for the second seating.

Yo-Yo Champion - Thursday, August 21, 12:00 p.m., featuring John Narum.

Next meeting: The next regular meeting will be on Monday, Sept. 15 at 10:00 a.m. (rather than 9/9, which is primary voting day)

Following the meeting a hot dog lunch was held for the SAB, hosted by Steve.

Beverly Montgomery, Secretary