

**Minnetonka Senior Citizens
Advisory Board Minutes
Tuesday, April 14, 2009**

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

Present: Donna Bloom, Dave Carroll, Kaye Fredensborg, Wanda Griep, Allan Kind, Lois King, Richard Koenig, Bill Lurth, Jeanne Lutgen, Karen Mast, Bev Montgomery, Ron Timm.

Excused: Ruby Berg, Ann Dreier.

Staff: Steve Pieh

The meeting was held in the Edina Senior Center, after a tour of the Senior Center.

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

Roll call showed all members present but two, who were excused.

Minutes of March 10, 2009 were approved as read.

President's Report – Lois expressed appreciation for the hospitality at the Edina Senior Center.

Staff Report – Steve reported that in the future the Script will be published ten times during the year.

Old Business:

Applebee's – The breakfast on March 28 yielded more than \$500 for the Senior Center. Many people who attended commented that it was a good buy, that the music was a great addition, and that we should have it again. The Board agreed, and Steve will contact Applebee's to get on their schedule for next year. The Board expressed thanks to Dave for organizing this event, to Vern Drilling for keyboard music and to Steve Pieh's combo.

Car Show – Ron Timm presented a proposal for a car show on August 2, with details about costs, publicity, parking, etc. The Board approved the plans and agreed to help. This event should attract many younger persons to the Senior Center.

New Friends Social Club – Ron presented a proposal for a group of younger seniors to expose them to the resources and programs available at the Senior Center, with a focus on 55+ and meeting new friends. It would start in September 2009 on the third Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:00. Each Board member would plan to attend and invite another person to attend. Publicity is planned. The Board agreed to assist. An alternative name for 55+ could be Active Older Adults or AOA.

Opportunities Within Your Community – Richard Koenig presented the final plans for the event on April 17, combining Minnetonka Senior Center activities, Senior Federation, Williston Center and the ICA. Richard has developed an A - Z slide show to feature senior activities, and each of the other organizations will give brief presentations. At this same event there will be a recognition for two persons: Jean McSwiggen for leading the Exercise Group for 25 years, and to Ann Smith for her donation of the 30 acres to the Land Trust. The SAB voted to present them with pots of flowers and to give ICA a check for \$250.

Off-Site Committee – Steve and Bev or Kaye will go to the Boulevard Gardens Apartments to present copies of the Script and to tell them briefly about our activities and encourage them to be involved.

Bench Memorial – On Friday, April 24 the memorial bench for Dagmer Locke will be dedicated and Jean McSwiggen will be honored. Both women led the Exercise Group for 25 years; Jean continues to do so.

Volunteer Recognition Lunch wrap up – Attendance might be increased by a specific invitation. Question – is the meal important or would an event with finger food be effective? An evening event is important if we want to attract 55+ persons.

Health Care Directives – Thursday, April 16 – 75 people have signed up for the two sessions to get help with completing their directives. Help from attorneys will follow a panel of speakers about the importance of a health care directives being filed with appropriate persons.

Summer Festival – June 27 – May meeting will focus on this.

New Business:

Advisory Board Workshop – Tuesday, August 18 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center. Richfield and Edina have been invited. John Gunyou will attend to discuss budget and funding issues.

Navigating Medicare – Thursday, May 14 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Community Celebration for Excellence – On May 14 at 7:00 p.m. Jean McSwiggen will be honored for her 25 years of contribution to the Exercise Group.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine – Ruby sent word that 3 cards were sent this month.

Dates to Remember and note on calendars:

Community Dance at Eisenhower Building – May 1. 46 have signed up.

Cinco de Mayo Party on May 5 at 12:00 p.m. Buffet set up by Nicole. Need help to set up, serve and do dishes.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 12 at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bev Montgomery