

**Minnetonka Senior Citizens
Advisory Board Minutes
Tuesday, May 12, 2009**

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, Allan Kind, Lois King, Richard Koenig, Bill Lurth, Karen Mast, Bev Montgomery, Ron Timm. Staff: Steve Pieh. Excused Jeanne Lutgen.

President Lois King called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call showed all members present but one. Minutes of April 14, 2009 were approved.

President's Report: Lois reported that:

- A class on retirement planning (not financial planning) with Karen Greer could be offered in the fall. It would be two sessions that are two and a half hours long, perhaps named Managing Self Through Change, with a \$30 charge.
- The Community Dance on Friday, May 1st with 170 attendees was very successful and should be repeated in the fall.
- A class being held on May 15 in Edina with Richard Leiter called Moving Toward Retirement could be one we'd want to offer. The Board voted to have two people attend the class, with an eye toward offering it in Minnetonka. The board voted \$37 each for two persons to attend and report back.

Staff Report: Steve reported that:

- So far 22 persons have signed up for the 85+ luncheon on May 19.
- Jean McSwiggen will be honored at a ceremony on Thursday, May 14 at Minnetonka High School as the Minnetonka Community Education – Adult programs volunteer of the year.
- The Mills Landing Shoppe is awaiting a move, until resolution with the merchants in the area has been reached.
- The Senior Script will be published one time for June and July and one time in November and December, as a cost-saving measure.
- At a city budget meeting, it was learned that several positions will be cut due to less city revenue from various funding sources. No cuts are anticipated in the senior staff.
- New carpet will be laid on June first, second, and third. No classes or events will be held in the banquet room during those dates.

Old Business:

- Summer Festival: June 27, needs planning for the Pancake Breakfast and the Hamburger stand. **Chairs for Pancake Breakfast: Bill Lurth, Bev Montgomery. Hamburger stand: Lois King, Bill Lurth + worker shift.**
- Board Membership: All 2009 members will be staying on for another two year term.
- Board Officers: Election at June meeting. Steve asked that everyone think about serving in another capacity.
- Applebee's discussion: Should give the kitchen crew a cash amount for their good help during the breakfast? Clarification on policy about second helpings. **Dave will contact Applebee's to sign on for March 2010.**

- Cinco de Mayo lunch: 107 people attended; they seemed happy with the food selections and the buffet service worked well.

New Business:

- Senior Centers Workshop on August 18, from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Nine other cities are sending representatives to join us. Minnetonka City Manager, John Gunyou will share his powerpoint presentation about city funding. Steve suggested that we sit with groups from other cities and gather ideas to bring back to our group.
- Edina Tour Wrap-up: Positives about that facility are the proximity to the library and condos, reception desk near entry, art room. Congregate dining is at a different facility; no food is prepared at the Senior Center.
- Wednesday lunches discussion: There is less participation for Wednesday lunches compared to other meal events. Bill said it is as much work to prepare for 15 as for 50. Brainstorming: Maximize use of facility, perhaps a lighter lunch, earning 10% needed for the City, live music, Eddingtons or Panera bread and soup lunches, or express lunch during a two hour period. Purpose of lunches is to draw people to the Center and for socializing. **Committee developed for ideas for lunches: Bill Lurth, Karen Mast, Ruby Berg, and Dave Carroll.**
- Scholarships/Subsidized Events: Need to spend from our carry-over amount of \$21,083.49. We have subsidized the Over 85 lunch and some other meals, with emphasis on quality over quantity. This year we have to raise \$10,000 about 10% on all events/activities/classes. One suggestion was to spend money on an additional drop-down screen for the second half of the dining/activity room so that both rooms could be used for presentations or films. No decision was made.
- Book Fair: **Committee: Karen Mast, Lois King, Dave Carroll, and Ruby Berg.** Steve will get two dates for the September sale when two rooms are available, one day for set up and sorting, one day for sale.

Committee Reports:

Program – Karen Mast. Discussion revolved around the need for coordination among office staff, Senior Advisory Board, menu, entertainment, decorating, etc., so that everyone involved will know how best to help. To conserve Nicole’s time, perhaps meetings could occur quarterly, planning far out. **Committee: Karen, Ruby, Bill, and Dave to look at the next few months.**

Short Distance Biking Club – Richard says the group is off to a great start.

Garden Club – Richard says the garden club will be planting 12 areas suggested by the City staff.

Canoe Trips – Two trips held recently were fun—good rides.

Sunshine – Ruby says no cards were needed this month.

Volunteer – Ruby says enough volunteers are signed up for the Over 85 party.

Dates to Remember:

Adopt-A-Highway – Wednesday, May 13, 1:00 p.m.

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

Over 85 Party – Monday, May 18, Noon

Banquet room Closed – June 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Car Show – August 2nd, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

New Friends club – September 16, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 9th at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes: Bev Montgomery