

Minnetonka Senior Citizens  
Advisory Board Minutes  
Tuesday, November 9, 2010  
10:00

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

Roll Call: Present – Donna Bloom, Dave Carroll, Ann Dreier, Wanda Griep, Allan Kind, Lois King, Bill Lurth, Jeanne Lutgen, Chris Meyer, Bev Montgomery, Ron Timm Staff: Steve Pieh.

Excused: – Maurice Ansolabehere, Connie Cannon, Loy O'Boyle

President Bev Montgomery called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes for October were approved.

**President's Report:** There was a discussion of the Senior Community Services Officers Workshop held at the Gillespie Center. Many of the board members who attended would like to see more structure to future meetings. While it was entertaining, most felt it could have been organized in a way that lead to more learning and sharing opportunities.

**Staff Report:** Steve reported the following:

- The Landing shop has found that their first few weeks have been a huge success. Sales have doubled compared to the same time period of last year. Information about the Senior Center will be available to those who shop at The Landing was discussed.
  - Citizens' Academy will begin on Tuesday February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 -9:00, and continue for six weeks.
  - About three more volunteers are needed to be Pen Pals to this year's fifth graders.
  - The Medicare talk has 50 seniors registered.
  - The Thanksgiving Dinner has over 130 people registered. It is November 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - Reflections Award nominations are due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November.
- The Board moved to nominate Jeanne McSwiggen.**

**Old Business:**

- **Goals developed by the Board were distributed.** A discussion will be held at the December meeting.
- **Mike Osterholm** Allan reported on the feedback gathered at the forum. About 100 people attended and 40 filled in the questionnaire. Most heard about the talk from the Script. Others checked the Memo, email, and friends. Some had heard about it from their Centers through the leaders who had attended the CNI meeting. The smallest number checked the Newspaper ad which cost over \$225.

Future topics of interest are: environment, economic recovery, estate planning, frail elderly, boomers, end of life, volunteer opportunities and some were interested in have Osterholm back to talk about infectious disease and the challenge to society.

- **Potential Expenditures**
  - **The Board moved to authorize Steve and Bill to look into the cost of a new grill, contact the executive Board, and purchase a grill of \$1,000 or less.**
  - Further expenditures will be discussed in December after bids have been obtained. The Board is looking at new carpet, new chairs, a new camera, and a screen for the other half of the lunch room.

### **New Business:**

- **Know your Center Groups**
- George and Mary Perry reported on the billiard's and bingo groups. Mary reported that the Bingo group meets every Tuesday at 12:45. There is a consistent group of about 6 to 12, with a wide range of ages. They play for \$.05 a card, often have treats, and have become a very close knit group. There is a problem getting a steady caller and are looking for more volunteers. They would also like to attract new members and a suggestion of offering a joint sandwich, soup and bingo once a month was discussed. The group met at another off-site setting, and this seems to work well. There are seniors who cannot get to the Center because of transportation problems and welcome the group coming to them. George talked about the billiard's group which meets everyday at 1:00 --- on Thursday's they meet at 3:00. The Center has two tables, and about 10 men and women play each day. Some come every day and some only once a week. George is willing to share tips and give a refresher on how to play. This activity appears to appeal to a wide range of ages.
- **Committee Reports**
  - **Event Committee** – Bill has reviewed the 2011 schedule and most of the entertainment has been booked.
  - **Sunshine** Two sympathy cards have been sent to spouses.
  - **Marketing** – Flyers at The Landing, and inserts in utility bills was discussed.
  - **CNI Committee** Up to date
  - **Volunteer** Up to date
  - **Memorial Committee** There is a balance of \$120.00.

Next Meeting December 14, 2010 at **9:00**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Lutgen