

Minnetonka Senior Citizens  
Advisory Board Minutes  
Tuesday, January 11, 2011  
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 – Maurice Ansolabehere, Donna Bloom, Dave Carroll, Ann Dreier, Wanda Griep, Allan Kind, Lois King, Jeanne Lutgen, Chris Meyer, Bev Montgomery, Loy O’Boyle, Ron Timm    Staff: Steve Pieh.

Excused: – Bill Lurth, Connie Cannon

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

**President’s Report:** Bev Montgomery thanked Steve for his part in the nomination of Jean McSwigen for the Reflection Award.

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

- Introduced Tim Morin as the new director of HOME
- A copy of the Annual Report was distributed for input.
- A new camera and grill have been purchased. Work continues on the purchase of carpet, chairs, and a screen.

**Old Business:**

- **Applebee’s**
  - Our fundraiser will be held on Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are ready to be purchased for \$6.00.
- **Book Sale**
  - This fundraiser will be held on October 5, from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. Drop-off and sorting will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **Bean Bag League**
  - This new group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 10:30 am
- **2011 Goals**
  - The goals were reexamined, and with the help of Steve, we were able to identify what events and activities we’re meeting the goals.
  - We identified some redundancies and the goals will be changed accordingly.
  - Lois King volunteered to create a survey to use with some of the groups to gather information that will help us meet the needs of our participants.
  - Wanda, Bev, and Jeanne will gather information from a variety of groups attending a function or activity. This will take the form of listening, and providing the survey to gather opinions.

- The Board will consider the purchase of an ad in the Play Bill for an up-coming performance at the Minnetonka Theater.
- We are exploring a way to identify contacts around the city that are able to post information about the Community Center's activities.

### **New Business:**

- Organics Collection Starting in the Community Center was explained.
- Get to know your groups – Tonka Tale Tellers
  - Dave Carroll, Margaret Nelson, and Shiela Hussing presented the group. This group of 11 seniors meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. Their goal is to foster the love of reading and imagination in children preschool through 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and encourage the children to explore avenues of friendship with older citizens they encounter in their lives.

Each person in the group becomes a character in a story ... minimal props are used. The story is read, encouraging the children to interact with the characters. The stories are filled with examples of friendship, cooperation, conflict resolution, values and just plain fun.

There is no charge and they have performed in the Minnetonka, Hopkins, St. Louis Park, Eden Prairie and more schools.

Their future plans and goals are to increase their membership, perform in more private schools, do more summer presentations, and expand their stories to fit the teacher's needs.

Last year they interacted with 1,630 children.

- **Committee Reports – all are up-to-date**
  - **CNI Committee:** An event will be planned for September 10<sup>th</sup>. The topic is "Keeping Seniors in their Homes".
- **Dates to Remember**
  - Kids Fest is February 13<sup>th</sup>, and the seniors will run the concession stand.
  - Community Connections – held Wednesday January 19<sup>th</sup>, at 10:15 and featuring Tim Morin of HOME
  - Winter Party is Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00.

Next Meeting: February 8, 2011 at 10:00

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Lutgen