

SENIOR CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD APRIL 14, 2022

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The Senior Citizen's Oversight Committee met in regular session on April 14, 2022 at the senior center. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Koogle at 4:33 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

The following members were present: Bonnie Koogle, Council Member and Mark Cross, Township Trustee.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None.

ALSO PRESENT:

Judy Gilleland-City Manager and Chenoa Erisman-Executive Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Gilleland suggested to change the December 8, 2021 minutes to read a "renewal" and not a "replacement" regarding the senior levy on page 2.

Mr. Cross moved to approve amended minutes. Mrs. Koogle seconded.

VOICE VOTE ON MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. The Monday Senior Meal Program is still going well at the center. Overall, over 100 seniors have benefited from the program. We are currently serving over 50 seniors each week. This has increased by 10+ seniors/wk.
2. I am pleased with our membership this year. We currently have 251 members and have collected \$2,445.00 in membership dues. 53 members are non-residents. We have added 31 more members from last year. I was hoping to increase our membership for this year and we succeeded.
3. We have been active and our participation is picking back up. We are starting to have more volunteer support. Our sponsor support is starting to pick back up as well.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

4. We are still in need of a bus driver. Every time we think there is an interest, it doesn't work out. We have advertised the position in the local paper, city newsletter, FB, email, and flyers.
5. The Township teaches a 20 hr. CERT Class in Disaster Preparedness. They assist police and fire on emergencies. They have used the senior center the last two Tuesday evenings for the class. Discussion has been made with turning the senior center into an emergency shelter or a disaster meeting location. I'm also doing the class to become Cert certified.
6. We hosted a Craft Fair last Saturday, April 9th. One of our volunteers, Wanda Barker, did a great job of organizing it. I only had to assist her and work the event. We had several vendors and it was well attended. Wanda and volunteers were able to raise \$602.25 for the center to go towards landscaping.
7. The senior center was able to be used again for AARP Income Tax preparations. We just wrapped up this week. I'm thankful for their volunteer support.
8. The senior center will be used again as a polling location on May 3rd. Therefore, the center will be closed.
9. Discussion from last Oversight:
 - a. Ice maker was repaired by Eldridge
 - b. Put new # in city newsletter, working on message
 - c. New laptops and Wifi are working well. Been having issues with Spectrum. Have to keep log of internet issues.

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:

None.

BUSINESS:

A. Discussion of third member of oversight committee

Mrs. Koogle made motion to go into Executive session at 5:10 p.m. Mr. Cross seconded it.

ROLL CALL: Dr. Cross, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes. 2-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

Returned to regular session at 5:17 p.m.

Mr. Cross motioned to recommend Freda Emrick as the third member of the senior oversight committee.

Mrs. Koogle seconded.

VOICE VOTE ON MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

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BUSINESS CON'T:

B. Rental rate and staffing discussion

Mrs. Erisman stated there have been several rental inquiries since March. Volunteers are no longer working rentals. Therefore, a PT rental worker needs to be hired to relieve city staff from filling in. We haven't raised our rental rates since opening, twenty-two years ago, and we need to be competitive. Our current rental rate is only \$50/hr. Mr. Cross motioned to increase the rental rate to \$75/hr. effective immediately to all rentals. Mrs. Koogle seconded.

VOICE VOTE ON MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mr. Cross motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chenoa Erisman- Senior Center Director