

Minnetonka Senior Citizens

Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday September 12, 2017

Roll Call. Present: Vickey Brouillette, Fran Dranginis, Judi Hanson, Dick King, Chris Meyer, Ron Parker, Tom Scott, Bonnie Sussman, Tim Temple, Bob Waddell, Wendy Woodfill. **Staff:** Steve Pieh

Minutes of the August meeting were approved.

President's Report:

- One of lobby's display cases features the Helen Keller Award that Minnetonka Senior Services (MSS) received in August.
- A recent Minnetonka housing survey showed that 37.4% of residents age 55 and older are empty nesters. By the year 2021, that percentage will surpass 40%.
- Statistics from 2015 show that 1.5% of the city's population show signs of dementia. This percentage continues to grow each year.
- Please arrive early the morning of the Senior Community Services (SCS) regional workshop on October 3rd in order to welcome participants. Please plan to stay after the workshop to give informal tours of the community center.
- Shirts with the MSS logo are offered for sale at the front desk.

Staff Report:

- City officials have approved a senior facility to be built near the intersection of Highway 101 and Excelsior Blvd.
- Repairs of the roof above the Glen Lake Activity Room continue.
- Minnetonka Center for the Arts, in conjunction with MSS, Ridgedale YMCA and Hennepin County Library, received a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board to offer art related programs to residents living with dementia. The programs will start December 19th.
- After next month's senior housing presentation, senior advisory board members will discuss the growing number of senior facilities in the city.

Old Business:

- Dick King's update included the following information:
- Approximately 400 people have completed the Dementia Friends training.

- Books will be ordered for the lending libraries at MSS, the Ridgedale YMCA, and the Minnetonka and Ridgedale Libraries.
- A subcommittee is working with HCL staff on possible public programs concerning dementia.
- The Minnetonka Center for the Arts, in collaboration with MSS, has been awarded a grant of \$49,190.00.
- The formation of a memory cafe is being explored.
- Plans for a celebratory open house in November are proceeding.
- There is still a need for more volunteers to become Dementia Friends trainers.
- Tim Temple reported that there has been one date change in the Fraud and Scams series. The dates are as follows: October 30th, Minnetonka Police Department & Minnesota Attorney General's Office; November 11th, Mary Frances Price, and December 4th, Estate Planning.

New Business:

- Loren Gordon will present at the October SAB meeting about the recent city housing survey.
- More volunteers are needed for the city open house on October 10th.

Committee Reports:

- Sunshine: Thank you cards were sent out to Elder Care for sponsoring Lunch and A Movie, to Kim Cassens for the Pork Chop Dinner dessert, and to The Glenn, Minnetonka for sponsoring Lunch and A Movie. A Thinking of you card was sent to John Nally. A sympathy card was sent to the family of Ruthie Vickerman.
- Volunteer: More volunteers are needed for the city open house as well as for several daytime programs.

Dates to Remember:

- City Open House: Tuesday, October 10th 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Community Dance at Eisenhower: Friday October 13th 6:15 to 9:00 p.m.
- Book and Pie Sale: Tuesday October 24th 11:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- Hopkins ProPEL students (one on one help): Wednesday October 25th 1:20p.m.
- Author Eric Dregni: Thursday, October 26th 10:15a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Wendy Woodfill, Secretary.