

Minnetonka Senior Citizens
Advisory Board Minutes
Tuesday January 12, 2016
10:00 a.m.

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

Roll Call: Present –Fran Dranginis, Dewey Hassig, Judi Hanson, Allan Kind, Richard King, Jeanne Lutgen, Chris Meyer, Ron Parker, Tom Scott, Bonnie Sussman, Tim Temple, Wendy Woodfill

Staff: Steve Pieh, Janelle Crossfield

Excused: Loy O'Boyle

Roll Call

December minutes were approved as sent.

President's Report:

- Dick said that he had interviewed one person to fill the remainder of Jim Kohrt's term. There will be two more openings on the board in the spring.

Staff Report:

- Steve introduced Jim Lundeen of the Minnetonka Fire Department. Lundeen spoke about the fire department's program which follows up on 911 calls. It's based on a state of the art program out of Phoenix, AZ. Last year there were 2,855 calls. Of those, 85% were medical emergencies and 15% were fires. There were 217 follow up calls to help residents. The goal is to develop a rapport with the residents, keep people safe and dignified. Lundeen provides them with resources to help residents stay in their homes.
- Sue Svec is the new facilities clerk in the Recreation Facilities & Senior Services Office. Welcome, Sue.

Old Business:

- High School Interactions Committee – Allan and Steve met with the Minnetonka High School teacher of the relationships class regarding the Jan. 14 session with students. More seniors are needed for that.
- On Thursday, Feb. 11 we will be interacting with students at Hopkins High School at 9:00am at the school. Do sign up for this activity.
- Resource Directory Update – Steve says this was started over from scratch and should be done by May 5. It will eventually be posted on the city website.
- Janelle reported The Landing Shop had \$30,000 in sales in 2015.

New Business:

- Kid's Fest – Sun. Jan. 24, 12:00-3:00pm
- Advisory Board offsite tour location in spring will possibly be Freedom Pointe, near Carlson Towers.
- Senior Housing Spreadsheet –Ron is gathering information about the city of Minnetonka area only. He shared a sample letter he wrote, that could be addressed to senior housing care communities.
- The Other Talk – Tim has formed a committee to review the book, “The Other Talk” and to make a proposal to the board about planning for one’s end of life.
- Dementia Friendly Communities – Dick is looking into a training program.
- Tonka Tale Tellers – Margaret Nelson presented information about the group; which fosters a love of reading, and meets at the center on the second Monday of the month. Members of presented 28 performances in the last year at schools in Minnetonka, Hopkins, Eden Prairie, St. Louis Park and elsewhere. Each performance consists of two, half hour readings.

Committee Reports:

- Sunshine – Judi – condolence care sent to Magaret Lasik’s family.
- Volunteer – Fran – all signed up now.
- Special Interest Updates – See information above on Tonka Tale Tellers and the Minnetonka Fire Department.

Next meeting: February 9, at 10:00 a.m.

Executive meeting: February 1, at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie K. Sussman, Secretary