

Minnetonka Senior Citizens
Advisory Board Retreat
Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016

Location: The Glenn, 5300 Woodhill Rd., Minnetonka

Roll Call: Present: Vickey Brouillette, Fran Dranginis, Dewey Hassig, Judi Hansen, Ed Herzog, Dick King, Ron Parker, Tom Scott, Bonnie Sussman, Bob Waddell, Wendy Woodfill

Excused: Chris Meyer, Tim Temple

Staff: Steve Pieh

Items discussed at Retreat:

- Role of the Senior Advisory Board was discussed. It was noted that the city has not come to us or visited our meetings.
- The bylaws, as well as the 2015 Annual Report were distributed.
- It was recommended that we have monthly report on the duties of our group.
- Scholarship update – the Garden Club is giving \$1,000 to the senior services scholarship fund and \$1,000 for upkeep of the gardens at Burwell House. We do offer partial scholarships for Minnetonka residents who cannot afford classes or other activities.
- Imagine Minnetonka (Vision Minnetonka) information was distributed.
- Our audience and how we market our programs to this audience – Ed and Bob particularly recommend that all seniors receive the Minnetonka Memo and that we study the problem of transportation for seniors who do not drive themselves. We should be especially concerned for those seniors who do not live in communal buildings where they tend to have activities for their residents.

- Ideas for possible New Interest Groups:
 1. Evening programs
 2. Life-long learning classes at college level
 3. Cooking classes
 4. National Park Series
 5. History classes
 6. Cost of higher education discussion

Take-Aways:

- Need for transportation was the overall most mentioned idea
- Review of our committee's accomplishments
- Explore Life-long living
- Improving quality of seniors' lives with intellectual conversations
- Betterment of healthy lifestyles
- Have video lectures to promote Minnetonka Senior Services
- Prioritize ideas
- Don't overspread our energies
- Champion policy with the City Council
- E-mail follow-up in the city
- Staff a table at various activities
- Deliver Minnetonka Scripts to senior buildings

A result of this meeting was the creation of a Transportation Issues Committee to address the need for transportation.

Next Senior Advisory Board Meeting will be Oct. 18 due to the Book Sale on Oct. 11.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie K. Sussman
Secretary

