

Minnetonka Senior Citizens  
Advisory Board Meeting  
Tuesday, October 18, 2016

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

**Roll Call: Present:** Vickey Brouillette, Fran Dranginis, Judi Hansen, Ed Herzog, Dick King, Chris Meyer, Ron Parker, Tom Scott, Bonnie Sussman, Tim Temple, Bob Waddell,

**Excused:** Dewey Hassig, Wendy Woodfill

**Staff:** Steve Pieh

**Minutes of the September meeting were approved as sent.**

**President's Report:**

- None

**Staff Report:**

- Steve reported that the Book & Pie Sale brought in \$1484.00. Food sales totaled \$150.00 and book sales totaled \$1334.00. Proceeds went into the Scholarship Fund.
- 50 people participated in the U of M athletics spectator study.

**Old Business:**

- Dementia Friendly Community – Dick reported that we did not receive a grant but we will continue with the new focus area. Deb Richman, with the Alzheimer's Association, offered to speak at a meeting. Committee members are Dick and Lois King, Allan Kind, Steve Coley, Kim Radel and Steve Pieh. On Oct. 17, 19 people, including Ron Parker, Tim Temple, Dick King and Steve Pieh had a training session with Scott Burglechner of ComForCare Home Care. The board moved and passed that \$2,000 from the Scholarship Fund be used to develop a library of pertinent books for the community, the YMCA Healthy Living Center, the Ridgedale and Minnetonka Public Libraries, and the Senior Center Library.

- Transportation – Ron sent out information, will re-send. Two forms of private transportation (1) Metro Mobility (door thru door), and (2) Transit Link (door to door) were addressed.

### **New Business:**

- Guest speaker Lisa Engdahl, Social Worker Senior Outreach with Senior Community Services, spoke on serving suburban Hennepin County along with 8 social workers, she explained the services she provides to the Minnetonka Senior Center. These include appointments 2 days per month plus phone and home consultations. She has coaching services for caregivers and family meetings to build consensus concerning family members. Lisa leads the special interest group, *Caregiver Conversations*, which meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 10AM at the senior center. Lisa said the two biggest issues in Minnetonka are affordable housing and transportation. Perhaps our committee should be communicating with our County Commissioners regarding these issues.
- Guest speakers Valerie Anderson and Dave Carroll, representing the HOME (Household and Outside Maintenance for the Elderly) program, explained the services that HOME provides for seniors who need help around their home. These services are provided on a sliding scale from \$14 to \$36 per hour, with 30% of services provided by volunteers at no cost. 10,000 seniors turn 65 each year. HOME office hours are 9am – Noon each Friday at the senior center.
- Staff change – Senior Center Program Manager Janelle Crossfield accepted a position with the city of Brooklyn Center. Interviews for her replacement are in progress.
- Volunteer Recognition Event – Wed., Nov. 2 at 7PM. Members are encouraged to attend this annual event sponsored by the Minnetonka Park Board.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Event: No report
- Marketing: No report

- Volunteer: Fran – All openings filled
- Sunshine: Judi sent the following cards in September:
  - Shirley Greenwood – Garden Club – thank you for donation
  - Karen Mandile - The Glenn Minnetonka – thank you for help with retreat
  - Lori Gerval – Elder Homestead – thank you for dessert for Italian Night
  - Katie Haunz – Pinstripes – thank you for food on Italian Night
  - Nancy Behn – Thinking of You, on husband's illness
  - Dixie Stovern – Sympathy, death of husband

**Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 15 at 10AM**

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie K. Sussman, Secretary