

**SALINE AREA SENIOR COUNCIL, INC.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, May 15, 2023**

The Saline Area Senior Council Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Lucy Crossey at 9:03am.

**Roll Call:** President, Lucy Crossey; Vice President, Kathy Lawless; Treasurer, Bill Nicholls; Member at Large, Sue Kelch; and Director, Nancy Cowan.

Absent: and Community Education Director, Brian Puffer

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Motion made to approve, motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill provided a financial report which was briefly discussed. Approved as presented.

The current SASC checking account has just under \$200,000 in it. Since the interest rates on CD's are about 4.3% a motion was made to take \$100,000 of those funds and invest them in a Bank of Ann Arbor CD for the next 12 months. The motion carried unanimously.

The firsts draft of the budget was presented and reviewed. It was noted that the interest from CD's is much greater for the coming year, due to the high interest rates right now. This will vary from year to year.

Memberships were discussed, with a potential increase in the coming years, but to be reviewed annually. Discounts for Veteran's was also discussed, but no decisions were made. It was noted that SASC does have 5 different tiers already.

The fund balance of SASC was discussed, and how it has increased slightly over the last couple of years due to the payroll protection funds from the Covid timeframe. Discussion was that the fund balance is informally earmarked to be utilized for some additional enhancements during the SAS Bond improvements that are to come in the next few years. A bulk of the balance is from a member who passed and donated over \$300,000 to SASC years ago. Nancy stated she would seek an answer from the CPA that SASC works with to find out if there are any guidelines for the amount a non-profit can have in funds, and will report back.

Staffing was discussed and the current cost recovery that is estimated for 2023-24. Nancy stated that benefits being added to the Supervisor Position could be a potential if the Board were open to that in this budget. Currently that position is an EDU position but could be moved to an SAS position. The estimated cost is about \$20,000 and something that SASC does currently have the funds to do. The Board supported this option. Nancy will work that in to the projections for the second budget draft to be reviewed in June. Staff contracts will also be included as a part of that process.

**Director's Report:** Nancy provided an update on current programs at SASC. The Bag and Jewelry sale took place and was successful, raising over \$2,500. SASC is partnering with Pittsfield for some Charter Bus Trips in the coming months. We have a Wicked Musical Trip, Mud Hens Game, Tigers Game, and Riverboat Trip planned for summer. They are selling okay, basically breaking even at this point.

Board nominations are open from place May 17-25. This year the positions are President and Treasurer, as both are termed out this year. There is at least one member interested in each position. If there are no challengers and election will not take place. If there are challengers, the election will take place on Wed, July 19.

As noted in the last meeting, SASC has been awarded two CARES Millage Grants in the last round. We have received notification that we have been awarded both of them. One is \$15,000 for a shared vehicle (van) purchase in conjunction with Liberty Club. The other \$2,805 is a pickleball grant to purchase a new portable net, lines, balls and a ball machine to offer some indoor pickleball lessons at SASC. Both grants have been approved by the School Board. Nancy did meet with Shannon at Liberty Club to discuss the shared vehicle and what should go in an agreement. The Board will see details as that begins to be developed.

An update was given about the 2022 SAS Bond that was passed, that included about 4.5 Million dollars to be allocated for the expansion and update of SASC. The first meeting was held with the Core Bond Group, SASC Staff, and architects. The architects toured the senior center and SASC relayed the needs / desires of SASC. The updated and enhanced space will include SASC, the cosmetology program, and a STEAM space for the schools. The exact square footage is not yet allocated for each group but SASC was promised additional space. Nancy stated that SAS staff and the architects noted there would be enough space to add maybe two pickleball courts. Nancy has noted throughout the process that two pickleball courts would not meet the needs of SASC as we run 6 currently indoors. The ideal situation would be to add a full gym, that could run 4 pickleball courts, and also be used for basketball, volleyball, and a revenue source. SASC is told that funding from the Bond will not cover that. Nancy has requested the additional cost to do this though, so SASC could gauge how much would possibly need to be raised to make that happen. It is an opportunity to meet the needs of SASC members now and in to the future. More details and meetings will come, this is just the start.

#### **Board Comments / Updates:**

Lucy lead a discussion on the Board Evaluation and provided an example tool that could be used. The members noted it was a good place to start. Lucy will bring an updated example next month with a space for Board Members to add more comments of what they feel could be priorities or goals for the Board to focus on in 2023-2024.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

Submitted by Secretary, Cora Rogers.