



SALINE AREA SENIOR COUNCIL, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 17, 2024

Meeting began at 9:02am

Roll Call: President, Cindy Sobotta; Vice President, Kathy Lawless; Mark Sockness, Treasurer; Secretary, Cora Rogers; Sue Kelch, Member at Large; City of Saline, Jack Ceo; and Director, Nancy Cowan

Excused Absence: Community Ed Director, Brian Puffer

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion made to accept minutes as presented, carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: A financial overview and paperwork was provided of the last 11 months. Currently there looks to be a surplus of around \$20,000 - many expenses will still be recorded in the coming months.

The CD investments that SASC has were discussed, several have matured from last year. Mark will be working to get those in new CD's for the coming 12-24 months depending on rates. SASC may want to take some additional funds to put in another CD. More to come on the investments in the coming months. A motion was made and carried to approve the report as given.

Director's Report: (Nancy)

SASC currently has about 850 members, which is where we ended up last year. The hope is to be at 900 by the end of the year.

The Jul/Aug newsletter is out. Information is in the newsletter about the Board Nominations/new Board Members. Only one person's name was submitted per person in the Board Nomination timeframe, therefore no election is needed. The new VP will be Ruth Frayer, Secretary will be Eve Benevento, and returning Member at Large will be Sue Kelch. These individuals will start their term in August 2024, through July of 2026. Thank you again to Kathy Lawless and Cora Rogers for your service.

There are many returning and new programs in the newsletter. Note that the Annual Picnic is Wednesday, July 17, 11:30am at Mill Pond Park. It was noted that SASC is putting together a cookbook as a member requested project. Therefore, recipes and memories are being sought as noted in the newsletter.

While the library is under constructions, SASC has opened up use of its computers, which can be checked out at the front desk.

Bond Update: Nancy reviewed some of the history again. In brief, the funding is still not where it was promised to be in Summer of 2022 before the vote (4.46 million dollars). In Fall of 2022 we were informed it would be about 2.2 million; recently in May of 2024 Nancy was told it would be about 3.2 million. Dr. Steve Laatsch will be doing an update of the funding at the GM Meeting this month, Mayor's Conference in August, and there is a little information in the newsletter this month, written by SAS and printed by SASC

There have been no other updates on the designs for SASC or meetings to come. It was communicated more information would be available in July.

CARES Recreation Millage and percentages were discussed. The need for a percentage increase for SASC was discussed due to additional space and costs ahead.

Budget: SASC final draft of the budget was presented and discussed. It is a good roadmap but there are some unknowns, mostly associated with the construction ahead and if SASC will need to relocate for a portion or all of construction. Staff salaries and raises were discussed. A group of Board Members will review the salary scale further in the coming months, for next year's contracts. The motion was made to accept the budget as presented, noting the above. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed session for 10 minutes, for Nancy's review.

Upon return from closed session Nancy and staff were commended for the good job they do and progress that has occurred at SASC. Also noted was Nancy's advocacy on behalf of SASC.

Motion to close meeting at 10:17am.

Minutes submitted by Cora Rogers, Secretary