



SALINE AREA SENIOR COUNCIL, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 18, 2023

Meeting began at 9:03am

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

Guest: Member, Lucy Crossey, Dr. Steve Laatsch, Superintendent SAS, Jackie Martin, ED of Communications and Community Relations at SAS

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

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Mark Sockness. Several documents provided, comparisons to last year shared. SASC is in good shape and have a current surplus. Motion made to accept report as given, carried unanimously.

Director's Report: (Nancy)

Jan. & Feb. newsletters have been mailed and distributed in the community.

December 29 is the New Year's Celebration, we have about 50 people registered now, expecting near 70 or so. It is a Murder Mystery Dinner this year.

The 50/50 raffle at \$2,300 currently. The drawing will be on Wednesday, December 20 at the General Membership Lunch.

Bond Update - Dr. Steve Laatsch

Dr. Steve Laatsch provided two handouts, Option A and B, both with full gyms one without a track and one with a track, per SAS asking about adding a gym to the plans and the additional funds that would need to be raised - 5 million and 10 million, respectively.

Steve talked about the current proposed options and the space. It was stated that there may be space for 1, possibly 2 pickleball courts in the designated space that SAC would get in the remodel. SASC staff stated this would not be enough space or useful from the standpoint that we run 6 pickleball courts at Liberty and that the goal is to have a full multi-use type of gym space to expand and run volleyball, basketball, badminton, etc.

Steve stated that even though the full-size gym couldn't be accomplished without a large addition and funds raised by SASC, there may be more options to utilize Liberty Gym in the future. The young kids' programs and daycare may all be relocated to another building in the 25/26 school year, opening up space. Nancy state that would be great but what if it didn't happen or something changes in the future and that space is not guaranteed.

The Bond Sheet was provided by Nancy, showing that SASC would receive nearly 15,000 square feet of space and 4.48 million dollars for the renovations. Steve reviewed the sheet with the Board, stating that the funding was meant to be for the whole renovation in the area, including cosmetology, STEAM, and SASC. The square footage was still to be determined. Basically, SASC would be allocated about 2.1 to 2.3 million dollars, not the 4.48 million dollars. Nancy and Board Members shared their concerns that this is

not was promised to or promote to members and the community, concerns about transparency and what SASC could really get for 2.1 million dollars instead of 4.6 million dollars.

Sue Kelch asked who was on the Core Planning Team from the Bond. Steve responded that it included him, Jackie, Rex Clary (operations), Miranda Owsley (finance), and Kara Davis, all of SAS.

Much discussion was had and Steve stated that a meeting with the architects, SAS Core Team, and SASC Staff and Board, would be Jan 17, 9am. He also left with 4 main questions from the meeting; 1. Why is the gym designed on an angle in Options A and B? 2. Will there be parking and will there be a separate entrance for SASC? 3. Can SASC keep the current bathrooms or will SMS be taking them? This would look to be a significant cost. 4. As it relates to fitting a full multi-use court space, could we just add 2 pickleball courts on to the 2 PB courts that would be in the addition and allow there to be a full-size space/4 courts? What would that cost be?

Board Announcements: Brian Puffer, last day of school before break is Friday, SAS will be closed until Jan. 8 (2 weeks).

Further discussion and brainstorming took place amongst the Board regarding the Bond and renovations of SAS. The possibility of moving to Liberty School if the young kids and care programs were all moved to one building was discussed.

It was discussed that the SASC Board would draft a letter to the SAS Board regarding the concerns about funds and SASC being involved in the process.

Motion to close meeting at 10:45am.

Minutes submitted by Cora Rogers, Secretary.