



SALINE AREA SENIOR COUNCIL, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 27, 2023

Meeting called to order at 9:06am

Roll Call: President, Cindy Sobotta; Vice President, Kathy Lawless; Member at Large, Sue Kelch; Community Ed Director, Brian, Puffer, and Director, Nancy Cowan

Member: Lucy Crossey

Excused absence: Treasurer, Mark Sockness, City of Saline, Jack Ceo

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion made to accept minutes with a modification on attendance of a Board Member, carried unanimously

Treasurer's Report:

The September report was finalized and given to the Board. There was a switch in the reporting that was on cash accounting instead of accrual which was the issue referenced at past meetings. All is in order and on track.

Director's Report: (Nancy)

Current SASC Updates: The Jan/Feb Newsletter is going to print later in the week.

Membership renewal for 2024 has begun and will be strong through the beginning of the year and again in spring.

A Veteran's Day Celebrations took place Nov. 13 with about 45 people attending. A committee worked with Andrea this year to plan it. The American Legion cooked and Texas Roadhouse provided meal certificates for Veteran's.

The Fall Bag and Jewelry Sale took place Nov. 17 and 18, bringing in over \$3,000. There was a steady flow of shoppers. Megan and her volunteers do a great job organizing and pricing all the donations.

The Craft Show seemed to be a big success. SASC sold around 300 50/50 Raffle Tickets.

The 50/50 Raffle is near \$2,000 for the take home prize currently. The drawing will take place at the Dec. 20 Holiday Party/Membership Meeting.

Bond Update: Nancy reviewed the 2022 SAS Bond Proposal again, along with the bond proposal sheets that were utilized at that time. The first bond sheet did not have any amount of space allocated specifically to SASC or any monetary figures. Nancy specifically asked the SAS representatives at that time what those details would be for SASC and a second detailed bond sheet was provided for clarity to members and seniors. The total was to be nearly 4.5 million dollars for SASC and an additional 6-8,000 square feet for SASC. Since then, several meetings have taken place and SASC has been made aware that the space and dollars were supposedly meant for the whole area, including cosmetology, STEAM and

SASC. This would make the funding for SASC at approximately 2.3 million dollars for SASC space. While many of the details are to be decided still, this is a significant difference from what was promoted and given to SASC and put on the Bond Application, which is concerning to all. Nancy was told the application could not be modified but has also received some information stating it can be modified if a process is followed and justification given. More information is needed on this aspect. Additionally, the funding would probably only be able to fit about 2 pickleball courts/a multi-court type space. To add another 2 courts to get a full-size gym space, the additional cost is projected to be about 5 million dollars, as a target for SASC to consider raising the funds. Much discussion took place regarding why the funding is not being allocated as promoted, how this can be fixed, meeting senior needs in the area, the CARES Millage, etc. Dr. Steve Laatsch, Superintendent of SAS, will be at the next SASC Board Meeting on Monday, December 18 to discuss the Bond and present and update to the Board.

President/Board Remarks:

Brian Puffer gave a report on the Saline Craft Show, one of the most successful ever. Seniors enjoyed the VIP passes and many student groups will receive funding from the event.

The construction on Maple Road is wrapping up but bus pick-up and drop-off will stay as it has been all year.

Motion to adjourn 10:03am

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Cora Rogers