



SALINE AREA SENIOR COUNCIL, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 21, 2024

Meeting began at 9:07 am

Roll Call: President, Cindy Sobotta; Vice President Ruth Frayer; Secretary, Eva Benevento; Treasurer, Mark Sockness; Member at Large, Sue Kelch; Community Ed Director, Brian Puffer, Director, Nancy Cowan

Absence: City of Saline, Jack Ceo

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Read and unanimously accepted.

Note: error on date: Should be September 16, 2024 (typo error on year 2014)

Treasurer's Report:

- \$120,000 has been moved to a 9-month CD with annual yield of 4.7%
- EDU staff (Kathy) payment had been delayed due to some paperwork not being completed by employee, but that is now corrected and EDU payments will catch up for past months on the upcoming reports.
- Accounting is on cash basis, not accruals
- Question of audit raised by Ruth Frayer, if SASC does them: audits have not been done via SASC because the funds that come through CARES (nearly 65% of the SASC budget), goes through a thorough audit via the schools. SASC has done an agreed upon procedure (mini-audit) in the past and all was in order. There are sound financial practices in place – all checks over \$500 are signed by the treasurer/and or president, monthly reports are created by the treasurer, and different staff handle different portions of the financial process in the office.
- Staff is open to an audit though if that is a process the Board would like to engage in.
- Report unanimously accepted

Director's Report:

- Health Fair: approximately 200 people attended; many vendors gave out information; about 80 flu shots and 50-60 Covid shots were given; booth fees are a source of cost recovery for SASC.
- Mystery Trip: 33 attended; locations included Pewabic Pottery, Parade Co. tour of float construction, Union Assembly for lunch, Michigan Central Station tour of historic newly renovations. Excellent reviews by participants.
- 50-50 raffle: currently at about \$1600 with anticipation of \$2000; funds designated for scholarships (benevolence). The drawing will be Dec 18.
- Newsletter: slight delay this month but it is arriving today and is online as well
- Meals on Wheels: approximately 20-23 clients currently
- Bond Update:
 - Design is moving forward
 - Waiting to hear about cost estimates on various parts of construction
 - Unclear about the process of keeping operations going during construction and the timeline at this point
 - A site parking plan was just recently released: currently the center has 30 regular parking spots and 12 accessible spaces; the new plan has reduced amount to 26 regular spots and 10 handicap accessible. Reduction in spaces is

unacceptable and a safety issue for senior citizens. Water retention issues on parking facility is 4-5 million over budget, not accounted for in original plan.

- Mark Sockness stated on record that if shortchanged, he would raise a voice of objection to the school board and Council.
 - Nancy Cowan is investigating options of donor naming rooms and/or areas to seek some large donations to the center.
 - Sue Kelch reported positive feedback from Kingdcott representative as to the cooperation and detailed input from the Senior Center representatives.
 - No report on timing of construction yet, other than summer or fall of 2025.
 - Operation of the center will continue during construction with modifications as needed.
- Brian Puffer noted the craft show is on November 9, 2023, and VIP passes are available at the front desk of the center.

Motion to adjourn: 9:58 am, unanimously accepted.

Respectfully submitted,
Eva Benevento, Secretary