

SALINE AREA SENIOR COUNCIL, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes and Zoom
March 21, 2022

The Saline Area Senior Council Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Lucy Crossey at 9:04am.

Roll Call: President, Lucy Crossey; Vice President, Kathy Lawless; Treasurer, Bill Nicholls; Secretary, Cora Rogers; Member-at-Large, Judy Slater; Brian Puffer, C. Ed. Director, Brian Marl, Mayor; Director, Nancy Cowan

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Income is still coming in from memberships and program registrations, expenditures continue as well. There will still be adjustments and fluctuations. Lucy asked about raising membership fee in 2023 and there was a small discussion but more to come in April and May. Motion to accept report as presented, carried.

Director's Report: The May/June newsletter will be sent to print soon. WCC programs should be in person this spring. Patty Hart (Yoga Instructor) will no longer be teaching free classes for WCC but will still be offering her programs at SASC for a nominal fee.

SASC has a new foot care service being offered by a nurse in the area. The first session was a success. She has already added a second day per month.

The builders club will be coming soon to clean up the patio.

The Writers group is up to 18 members and is working on a second book.

The SASC Annual picnic will be Wednesday, July 20, at 11:30 a.m. with the Andrew Sisters Trio providing entertainment. It will be an Americana theme.

Update on current memberships numbers: In 2019 SASC had 586 members at this time, 2021 it was around 280 members, and currently in 2022 for the same timeframe, we now have 545 members. We have gained back members quicker than anticipated as we recover from the pandemic, including many new members.

Saline area schools is anticipating going out for a bond this fall, likely 180 million or 213 million. It is a "once in a generation" opportunity since several things are coming off the tax rolls; if approved, a bond or millage could generate additional funds while keeping the current tax level the same for households. As a piece of the discussion, many things are on the table from a field house, to moving the cosmetology space for the HS, to technology, etc. SASC is also a part of the discussion because nearly every option has SASC being affected. Some of the things mentioned include moving SASC to a separate building with child care (not as likely anymore), expanding the current SASC space if transportation moves elsewhere and cosmetology comes over to this area - providing opportunity for increased space / programming and partnerships. Another option may be SASC moving to Liberty. In all of these scenarios, SASC will be consulted and worked with for design of spaces. SASC would keep the same amount of square footage or gain more. SASC staff has a few discussions with David Raft, Anna Britnell, and Brian Puffer along with architects and consultants through SASC. We have expressed our

thoughts and our desires for outdoor pickleball space and enhanced spaces if possible. CARES has also been discussed as well, as the concern staff has is how to support, fund, and clean and additional spaces, etc. It is still in planning stages of figuring out all the needs of SAS, the costs involved, and what the community will support. Surveys are being done by a consultant for SAS calling individuals to ask opinions on what they would support, etc. SASC will continue to work to be a part of the conversation and continue to report back to the board and membership.

Brian Puffer reported that the spring craft show was very busy from 8am-2pm. Auctioned off 31 baskets, the proceeds to go to Saline Social Services. Spring Break starts next week.

Brian Marl, Mayor, share that the Senior Conference will be on August 12.

Sue Kelch: Health care task force working on another survey to bring health care back to Saline.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Cora Rogers, Secretary