



SALINE AREA SENIOR COUNCIL, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 27, 2025

Meeting began at 9:05 am

Roll Call: President, Cindy Sobotta; Vice President, Ruth Frayer; Secretary, Eva Benevento; Director, Nancy Cowan; Community Ed Director, Jack Ceo, City of Saline Representative, Brian Puffer, SAS Schools Representative

Excused Absence: Treasurer, Mark Sockness

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Read and unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

- Due to the absence of Treasurer Mark Sockness, Director Nancy Cowen gave the summary report. No concerns to report.
- MSGCU Certificate of Deposit is on this report (Bill Nicholls added it)
- Funds received are above anticipated amount due to membership renewal season and some expenses that will be paid out later.
- Report unanimously accepted

Director's Report:

- Final touches on the upcoming newsletter are in process.
- Emailing newsletters appear to be successful. Approximately 70% of recipients are reading/opening weekly emails.
- Souper Bowl event is upcoming. Approximately 100 participants are expected. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell is expected to make an appearance.
- Bond Update:
 - Discussion regarding the response of the school district Superintendent to the letter of concerns over the shortfall on the promised funds for the upcoming construction project. Questions were raised as to whether the SASC board should respond to the Superintendent's letter. Different viewpoints were raised, the Board decided not to respond at this time.
 - Reduced parking spaces in the new construction still remains an issue.
 - In reviewing the project, it was noticed that in the design print there is no corridor wall separating SASC from the Cosmology/Stem area. This is a security concern, especially since the adjacent area is a school.
 - Director Nancy Cowan presented the design elements that included such elements as color of walls, carpeting and flooring choices, non-grout bathroom floor, counters, and wood trims. It was noted that instead of only blue, shades of green would be added to help differentiate the spaces as SASC from the school.
 - As to the construction, attention to demolition scheduling will be carefully done to deal with continuous loud noise. This may require moving activities to other locations temporarily.
- Board members reviewed the three applications for the replacement of the member at large position term left vacant due to resignation. The board decided to arrange for a brief interview of each candidate to make an informed decision. Cindy Sobotta will plan for these meetings. The selection will take place at the next board meeting.

Motion to adjourn: 10:16 am, unanimously accepted.

Respectfully submitted,
Eva Benevento, Secretary