



**SALINE AREA SENIOR COUNCIL, INC.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, April 15, 2024**

Meeting began at 9:10am

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

Excused Absence: Secretary, Cora Rogers and Treasurer, Mark Sockness

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Nancy Cowan on behalf of Mark Sockness. Mark provided some reports which Nancy briefly reviewed. Motion made to accept report as given, carried unanimously.

**Director's Report:** (Nancy)

SASC hosted a volunteer appreciation brunch on Friday, April 5; about 50 of the 100 volunteers SASC has were in attendance.

The bag and jewelry sale is planned for April 26-27. SASC is hosting an open mic night at Brewed Awakenings on May 8.

The May/June Newsletter is out and distributed. The Board nomination process is in the newsletter for the open positions this year - VP, Secretary and Member at Large. Kathy and Cora are termed out, Sue is able to run again. The dates for nomination are May 15-24.

SASC wrote a grant request through the CARES Grant Process for 3 new laptops and a commercial refrigerator, totaling \$7,358 for both. The grant was approved and SASC will be moving forward with the purchases soon. Nancy thanked the CARES Grant Committee for the funds and stated they will make a positive impact at SASC. The old laptops utilized by Nancy, Andrea, and Megan will be put to use still at SASC for members to check out from the front desk if they would like.

### **Bond Update**

A survey was sent to members, so they may respond regarding what is important to them now and in the future when the remodel and addition begins. Those results will be compiled and shared soon. The highest rated items at first glance are social spaces, a dedicated fitness studio, and pickleball courts.

It has been clarified through Kingscott (the architect of the project) that changes to the drawings don't need to be done by the end of the month as previously stated. Staff is hoping to meet with Kingscott to go over another draft of the project, without the two PB courts - adding social space, fitness studio/room, offices/conference room, and restrooms. The goal would then be to have some membership/input

The SASC BOD will need to discuss the possibility of a capital campaign to build the gym/multi-use space. There are two options, option A is about 5-6 million and Option B is about 10 million. The difference between the two currently is a walking track. No restrooms or water are slated for the gym which will need to be addressed. A possibility is to submit this project to Congress/Senate offices as they can shepherd community projects each year, depending on the guidelines sent down through the Federal and State chain of command. Nancy has talked with Congressional Member Debbie Dingell's Office already about this. Depending on the guidelines, it was stated this would be an appropriate project for submission. The Board supported Nancy starting with this option and to begin seeking letters of support for the project.

It was also discussed that the membership is not yet aware of the change in funding of the Bond and how that will be communicated. It is hoped that Dr. Laatsch will come and address the membership regarding those changes and that information will be published in the newsletter to keep this process as transparent as possible.

Motion to close meeting at 10:17am.

Minutes submitted by Cora Rogers, Secretary