



SALINE AREA SENIOR COUNCIL, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 18, 2023

Meeting called to order at 9:03am

Roll Call: President, Cindy Sobotta; Treasurer, Mark Sockness; Member at Large, Sue Kelch; Secretary, Cora Rogers; Brian Puffer, Community Ed Director, and Director, Nancy Cowan

Excused absence: VP Kathy Lawless

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

Treasurer's Report: (Mark)

An update was given on SASC finances. There are a few discrepancies being reviewed; it seems it may be a timing issue between the various software and bank feeds but it will be looked in to more to figure out what may be occurring. The funds coming in and going out though are in line with the approved budget. The motion to approve the report as given was made, motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report: (Nancy)

An update on upcoming programs: Mystery Trip has met its minimum and is moving forward later in the week, health fair vendors are on track to top what they were last year, flu and shingle shots are available that day - Oct. 6; WCC programs were explained, that they are covered by a Washtenaw Co. Grant for those age 65+ at no cost. Those run in 3 different sessions throughout the year. Many other programs are starting now for this fall session, registration has been strong.

The signatures on the bank account and CD's have been updated with the new board members. The safe deposit box at Old National Bank has been closed, per past Board discussions.

An update was provided regarding the security of the Middle School and SASC. A meeting occurred between Nancy and MS Administration recently regarding security in light of the recent shooting in Saline. The MS has a new phone and alarm system in place to notify the building and staff of emergencies, but SASC is not looped in to it currently. Nancy was assured that SASC will be wrapped in during phase two this year. In the meantime, SASC will be given a phone where they can hear and see any alarms regarding security that may occur.

Postage of newsletters was discussed. Newsletters are always available online and at many locations in Saline, along with being mailed. Currently newsletters are mailed at a bulk rate, at no cost to members, and can take up to 30 days to be mailed. With the increase of postage rates, the bulk rate cost totals about six dollars per year per person getting them mailed. To ensure the newsletters get mailed in a timely manner and to be cost effective in doing it, enacting an additional cost per year to mail newsletters was talked about. Staff will move forward with doing so, ensuring those in need get one at no cost. Any feedback regarding the change will be tracked by staff.

President/Board Remarks:

A member requested that the City Council candidates come to the GM Lunch in Oct. In order to keep the focus on SASC and socializing at the GM lunches, such information will be provided to members in alternate ways such as emails, suggested websites, and League of Women's Voters, to seek such information.

Cindy led a discussion regarding Board goals and all working together to develop some for the year. Ideas included; working to restrict SASC funds for certain things in the future, financial guidelines, fundraising/legacy development, a survey of member needs, and the branding/name of SASC. The Board will continue the discussion at future meetings to focus in on a few of them for the coming year.

Brian Puffer noted that the Fall Craft Show will take place on Nov. 11. VIP passes will be available at the SASC Front Desk next week.

Jack Ceo gave an update on City of Saline Business: Maple Road construction is on time at this point and City Council has dispatch on the agenda this week.

Motion to adjourn 10:10am

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Cora Rogers