

SALINE AREA SENIOR COUNCIL, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday January 23, 2023

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; City of Saline Representative, Jack Ceo; Community Ed Director, Brian Puffer; and Director, Nancy Cowan. SASC Member, Mark Sockness.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Bill provided a financial report which was briefly discussed. Approved as presented.

Director's Report: Welcome to Jack Ceo, the new City of Saline Representative on the Board, placing Mayor Brian Marl, who served on the board for many years. Thank you to Brian for his service. We look forward to continuing to work with him in other ways throughout the year. Jack Ceo is a member at SASC and has been active within many programs. We are grateful to have him on the Board.

The SASC Holiday Party / GM Social, which took place Wednesday, December 21, had 56 in attendance. The SASC Recorder Group provided entertainment.

New Years Eve party was attended by 52 people which is a big increase over last year. Olive Garden was served as a catered meal and a big band played. Rather than playing cards, everyone enjoyed the music.

There will be a fast friending event on this Wednesday, January 25.

General membership social will be February 15, along with the next euchre tournament that evening.

A statistical report was provided showing membership statistics at SASC from 2019 through 2022. Overall, membership has surpassed where we were before the pandemic which is great news. There was some discussion about the age groups, Seniors In Training (SIT), along with what groups we should be trying to attract.

A second statistical report regarding day trips / travel in 2019 vs 2022 was also shared. Approximately 16% of the membership travels on our day trips. Cost recovery of the trips was also discussed. Trips barely cover their costs and we currently don't owe anything on the bus we have. However, the bus is having many mechanical issues and is rusting out inside. More significant repairs are coming. It is 16 years old. A couple of grants have been written to see if we can secure some funding to work to purchase a transit van or van of some sort. We have been approached by Liberty Club to possibly purchase a 14-15 passenger with them and share the use and costs of the vehicle. Nancy asked the Board for a motion to support exploring this partnership with Liberty Club and writing a CARES Grant to ask for \$15,000 to go towards a purchase. The Board made a motion and it was approved unanimously. Current day trips will be suspended while options are explored.

Board Comments / Updates:

Brian Puffer: The Spring Craft show is March 18; Spring Break in Saline is March 27 – April 2.

Mark Sockness, avid SASC Member, introduced himself and gave some of his background. He has an interest in submitting his name for the upcoming Treasurer position that will be available on the Board this summer.

There is no meeting in February.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Submitted by Secretary, Cora Rogers