



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

Meeting began at 9:07am

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

Excused Absence: 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)

The SASC Bag and Jewelry spring sale is April 26-27, donations are being accepted.

The SASC volunteer brunch will take place on Friday, April 5, emails have been sent to nearly 100 volunteers.

The May/June Newsletter is being put together now and will be out in early April. The Board nomination process will be posted 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.

Trips are back and being planned with Pittsfield Senior Center. Tech lessons are going well. Our writing group is hosting an open mic night at Brewed Awakenings in May.

Nancy attended the mParks Conference in Kalamazoo last month, attended many good sessions, and was able to tour the new Portage Senior Center and speak with the Director about fundraising, etc.

The Rec Center was awarded a \$25,000 grant for seniors through Washtenaw County. It is need based for memberships for those 60+ but the need is defined as under \$43,000 for a free membership and under \$73,000 for a membership at 75% off. Their membership does include many of their fitness classes. SASC runs many senior fitness classes at a reasonable cost. Nancy has reached out to The Rec and Mayor in regards to this funding to talk about overlap and working together, focus areas, etc. Meeting to be had in the future with these parties. Goal is for all to be successful and serve the community.

### **Bond Update**

Nancy was notified that there is a Bond Meeting on Monday, March 18, from 5-6pm. Nancy has invited a few board members and SASC members to attend. The intention/agenda of the meeting is not clear, nor is who will be in attendance. Nancy did receive a drawing of the building, showing the allocated space for SASC which was shared. The focus of SASC staff/those attending, will be to advocate for SASC, ensure SASC is not an afterthought, listen and bring back information to the Board.

A survey is also being sent to members, so they may respond regarding what is important to them. Those results will be shared by the end of April.

**Board Announcements:** Jack Ceo reported on the City's Town Hall Meeting from March 13 regarding the upcoming water main project on North Harris Street.

Brian Puffer stated that the craft show attendance was great this past weekend. Spring Break for Saline is coming up March 25-29.

Motion to close meeting at 9:55am.

Minutes submitted by Cora Rogers, Secretary