



SALINE AREA SENIOR COUNCIL, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 21, 2023

Meeting called to order at 9:07am

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

Excused absence: City of Saline Representative, Jack Ceo

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion made to accept minutes, carried unanimously

Treasurer's Report: (Mark)

A hard copy financial report was provided. SASC finished FY 2022-23 year in good order. The final report will be complete later fall or early winter, once Saline Area Schools completes their process and procedures. SASC is in a good position and has a surplus currently.

Motion to approve the report as given was made, motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report: (Nancy)

Welcome to the newly electey Cindy Sobotta, as President of the Board, and Mark Sockness, as Treasurer of the Board. This is the first term for each and will run thorough July of 2025. Their time and dedication as active members and volunteers were recognized.

Next summer the VP, Member at Large and Secretary positions will be up for election.

Updates:

The Annual picnic in July was a success with a record of 110 members present, which was full.

The food was sponsored and provided by Texas Roadhouse.

EHM Senior Solutions sponsored the entertainment - Polynesian Dancers

St. Joe's Village sponsored and provided Mocktails.

The Mayor's Annual Conference was on Friday, August 18. Around 65 older adults attended.

The newsletter for Sept./Oct. is out now.

Nancy provided some information about the cost of mailing newsletters increasing and would like to propose adding a fee each year to all who would like to have the newsletter mailed. More information will be provided to the Board next month to discuss.

Meals on Wheels Discussion: Meals on wheels privately funded in Saline by SASC and EHM. SASC does the administration of the program, including seeking and training volunteers, taking and reviewing applications, home visits, and billing. EHM provides the meals, through a third-party service. Recently

SASC and EHM met to discuss the program and costs at EHM's request. Both organizations support the mission and recognize the value, however the program does cost each organization each \$18,000 or more per year. Both organizations agreed to seek more funding and cost recovery of the program moving forward. One such step will be increasing the cost billed to clients from \$2.50 per meal to \$3.00 and .50 cents to \$1.00 for an extra sack meal. These costs have not changed since at least 1983, the earliest cost listing that could be found. The change will be effective October 1, 2023. Clients are being notified via mail and phone.

EHM has also done an RPF for additional vendors as they are being charged over \$5 per meal. The hope is to increase quality and decrease costs.

The Board Manual and contact info was sent to all Board Members via email and provided in hard copy form.

President/Board Remarks:

Cindy reviewed the Board surveys. One item of note is that the Board does not currently have any set goals and has a desire to set some moving forward. This discussion will take place more next month once the Board has an opportunity to think about this topic more. Some ideas were briefly discussed.

Nancy asked a few questions about security at the Middle School and notifications, especially in light of the recent shooting that took place in the area. Brian Puffer noted that systems are in place but some changes are likely coming and he will keep SASC in the loop.

Brian stated the schools start on Monday, August 28. Nancy noted that the drop-off / pick-up will likely be more crowded and look differently due to the road closures. Nancy and staff have been notifying members via the newsletter, email, website and social media.

Jack Ceo provided a City of Saline update:

Most construction is ahead of schedule.

The UAW building has been sold.

The hotel on Michigan Ave. is scheduled to open December or January.

IHA is open 4 physicians, urgent care, x-rays and stiches, but can't do blood yet

Motion to adjourn 10:01am

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Cora Rogers