



SALINE AREA SENIOR COUNCIL, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 16, 2023

Meeting called to order at 9:10am

Roll Call: President, Cindy Sobotta; Vice President, Kathy Lawless; Treasurer, Mark Sockness; Member at Large, Sue Kelch; City of Saline Representative, Jack Ceo and Director, Nancy Cowan

Excused absence: Secretary, Cora Rogers (surgery recovery) and C.Ed. Representative Brian Puffer (at a conference)

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 in timing of reports still, some transactions look to be done on a cash basis and other on accrual. As Mark was pulling reports, the balances were changing. This is not usual as sometimes a change in software or reporting can trigger things like this. The overall balances look to be in order and on budget after the first quarter of the budget year. There is not a finalized report for the month currently but one will be sent once the bugs are worked out.

Director's Report: (Nancy)

Current SASC Updates: The Nov/Dec Newsletter is complete and has been mailed out. Jack and Pam Ceo are on the cover - thank you Jack! The mailing cost for 2024 is \$2 per newsletter/\$12 per year. There have not been complaints about this so far.

The Mystery Trip took place with 38 participants. The trip was to Frederik Meijer Gardens and Art Prize. It was meant to be a taste of both places and full trips will take place to each location in 2024. Upcoming trips are planned with Pittsfield Senior Center in the coming months.

The Health Fair took place on Friday, Oct. 6. SASC had over 30 vendors and 200 individuals attend. Flu and Shingle Vaccines were on-site. The updated Covid Vaccines were not available at the time of scheduling.

The Saline Craft Show will take place on Sat., Nov 11. SASC has some VIP passes available. The food service will take place in SASC and raffle tickets will be sold by SASC that day.

The Bag & Jewelry Sale (from donated, gently used bags and jewelry) will take place on Fri., Nov 17 and Sat., Nov. 18. It has been a great fundraiser for SASC and Megan does a good job organizing. There is a strong group of volunteers that support it.

The SASC GM Social/Holiday Party will be on Wed, Dec. 20. The Strings of Saline will be performing and the HS Culinary Program will be preparing the meal.

The October GM Social is Wednesday, Oct. 18.

Bond Update: Nancy reviewed the 2022 SAS Bond Proposal and what was promoted for SASC, along with movement that has taken place so far with the field space between Saline Middle School (SMS) and Liberty and the transportation site. Much discussion followed regarding the needs of SASC and the almost 4.5 million dollars that was to be dedicated to SASC. Documents were shared from the Bond Proposal, etc. The design process should begin soon for SASC and the area at SMS.

Nancy had a meeting with the CORE Bond Group, which SASC does not have a seat on, in May of 2023. The needs and desires of SASC were again shared. It was requested at the May meeting that SASC be able to get some figures on adding a “full size” multi-court space, in addition to the two courts that were originally talked about during the development of the Bond in Summer of 2022. Nancy has requested the figures again this month, so it will be possible for SASC to look at working to fund such a space through grants and fundraising. Nancy is working to set up a meeting to gather more information and will provide and update at the next meeting.

The Board showed much support for the expansion of SASC and advocating for the center moving forward.

President/Board Remarks:

Goals can be formalized in future meetings, with advocacy and fundraising being at the top of the list.

Jack Ceo noted that Sunshine Lambert will be formalized at City Council tonight as the Director of the Saline Rec, upon the retirement of Carla Scruggs.

Motion to adjourn 10:10am

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Cora Rogers