

**Alexandria Senior Center
Board Meeting
August 10, 2022**

The meeting was held at the YMCA in Alexandria. Joining the board were Jackie Peters, Executive director of the YMCA and Dan Miller from JLG Architects in Alexandria. Jackie is also a member of the FAC committee for the center. We discussed what the center would need in the future and how it would look if we were able to partner with the Y in their upcoming expansion. Some of the items we discussed were: exercise equipment, intergenerational, parking space, our own entrance, welcoming social area, technology capabilities, maintenance, facility check in, art studio, pool players, kitchen, arts and crafts space as well as book clubs, library, nurse visits and all the current activities from cards, line dancing, Sunday music, driver's safety instruction and band practice. The YMCA opened in 2010 and Jackie gave us a little background, followed by a tour of the facility. We then held our regular board meeting at the YMCA.

The meeting was called to order by President Shea. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance. Present were: D. Shea, C. Strong, C. Barlage, S. Quitmeyer, D. Strand, M. Nitti, C. Funkhouser, T. Tebben and guest was Shelli-Kae Foster. Absent was D. Dilly.

Secretary's Report: The minutes were reviewed, with one date correction. C. Strong made the motion to approve the July minutes with the one correction, second by C. Barlage, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: C. Strong gave the treasurer's report. Total cash on hand July 31, 2022 was \$187,597 with a net gross profit of \$3,216, operating expenses for the month were \$6,114 with depreciation of \$850.00. Net loss for the month was \$3,748.

Revenue and expenses were all normal for the month. There was a question on the revenue and expense report regarding the utilities. This is due to timing with a HRA payment. After discussion, a motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by C. Barlage, second by M. Nitti, motion passed. \$125,000 will be invested in a three year annuity at Bremer Investments at 3.9%. 10% can be withdrawn without penalty.

There was a discussion about a large donation received from Jim Bjerknes. S. Quitmeyer made a motion to give him a lifetime membership, second by M. Nitti, motion passed. There will be a meeting with Jim to discuss his wishes as to how he would like it used. The board asked the exec committee to research and bring back a proposal for future lifetime membership options and requirements.

Executive Director's report: Shelli-Kae went over her report. The deadline for the September newsletter is August 15. Membership is at 560. Tina Snell will be calling members that have expired and have not renewed their memberships. The internal FAC group is going to the Itasca YMCA on September 8. She has spoken to Dawn Daily from the DC library. They hope to have a new person in place that will be working on community outreach by January. They have hopes of a new library, but that will be at least 7 years out.

She spoke about a signature fundraiser such as Dr. Lori Antiques Appraisal Comedy show presentation that the Chamber had previously scheduled, but was cancelled due to Covid. No decision was made with regard to this. She has not met with Tara with regards to our strategic planning session, but plans to next week. We will then decide on the boards next steps.

Shelli-Kae has been working on her presentation for the county commissioner budget meeting on August 16th.

See her emailed report for more details.

Executive Committee Report: D. Strand went over the highlights of what the committee discussed.

The topic of board replacements was once again a concern. D. Strand shared a preliminary job description for a part time assistant to assist Shelli-Kae as we move further into next phases. The group felt that this could easily be three people vs one, and felt the word 'temporary' needed to be added to the title. Denise asked everyone to look it over and bring back comments. If received, the grant that YMCA wrote and included the center, would cover the cost of a part time assistant.

There will be no Octoberfest this year. There is a quilt raffle currently going one. Shelli-Kae shared her operational work plan that she has been developing. The high school civic club will be working with the birthday club.

There was discussion about the fun board event. This will be held on September 7th from 3-5, and guests could meet us at the Lure following.

The next exec meeting will be on August 24th.

Old Business:

Douglas County Fair: August 17-20, C. Strong mentioned that groups have been busy making lefse. All time slots have been covered. There will be demonstrations on Saturday arranged by D. Shea. Thrivent and Millerville Butter are the two sponsors. Vi. Frisch will be organizing the items from the Cornercopia. Things are falling into place.

Board openings: D. Shea stated that they have received some names for nominations. The nominating committee is Bob Ritlinger and Deb Shea. T. Tebben mentioned that we should set the date for the annual meeting. She recommended November 17th at 1pm. T. Tebben made a motion to set this date for the annual meeting, second by M. Nitti, motion passed. We need to have the slate of nominations on the ballot and included in the November newsletter. This will give members 2 weeks to return their ballots.

Music: Posters are currently being made for three upcoming music Sundays.

New Business:

Fall Fund Drive: This is being worked on by the finance committee and they hope to get the letters out in September.

Meeting adjourned after M. Nitti made a motion, seconded by D. Strand, motion passed.

Next meeting is September 14th at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Tebben
Secretary