

**Alexandria Senior Center
Board Meeting
June 8, 2022**

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, D. Dilly and T. Tebben. Absent were C. Funkhouser, and C. Erickson. Guest was Shelli-Kae Foster and Mary Nitti.

The board accepted Carol Erickson's letter of resignation. Mary Nitti has been appointed to fill her position on the board thru the end of 2022.

Secretary's Report: The minutes were reviewed, with no corrections. C. Barlage made the motion to approve the May minutes, second by D. Dilly, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: C. Strong gave the treasurer's report. Total cash on hand May 31, 2022 was \$189,516 with a net gross profit of \$6,345, operating expenses for the month were \$12,326 with depreciation of \$850.00. Net income for the month was a loss of \$6,831.

Expenses were high for the month due to utilities, plumbing repairs of \$1230, promotional expense of \$1080, volunteer luncheon expenses and the second half of community education review. Revenues were from the garage sale net of \$3,678, activity fees and room rentals. All but one of the newsletter ads have been renewed.

The 990 and MN Charitable reports were mailed. The Bremer CD matures on July 14.

After discussion, a motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by M. Nitti, second by D. Dilly, motion passed.

The finance committee met the city budget committee on May 19th. Those that attended were D. Dilly, C. Strong and Shelli-Kae. They explained the reasoning behind why they asked for \$35,000 for the 2023 fiscal year. This year the city had budgeted \$22,000 for the center. D. Strand proposed that we contact the city in December to learn what they budgeted for us for next year, as we work on our budget projections for 2023. Shelli-Kae just billed the city for the 2nd half of support for 2022, or \$11,000.

Executive Director's report: Shelli-Kae went over her report. The deadline for the July newsletter is June 15.

Membership is at 575. New members need to feel welcomed. Tina Snell as taken on the membership chair responsibilities. Marketing will be meeting soon to see if we can design something to send to new members. Tina will be included in this meeting.

The day of caring was a success. We need to thank them for the help. It only took the kids 1 hour to accomplish their tasks. They cleaned out the north garden, washed windows, and wiped down the tables and chairs.

The facility advisory committee has been doing site visits at other senior centers throughout the state. D. Dilly commented on the variety of ways they are run and staffed. Most did not have to rely on fundraisers to supplement the operating expenses. None of the centers they visited utilized volunteers

as much as we did. The Whitney Center in St. Cloud may had some technology to share and we could tap into their zoom meetings. All the data that was collected will be shared. D. Strand recommended making some charts to see all the centers combined.

With the resignation of C. Erickson, C. J. Jenson will take over the front desk volunteer responsibilities. Thank you CJ for taking on this additional responsibility.

It was decided to leave the plexi-glass at the front desk per Covid protocols.

CJ and Shelli-Kae will get CPR/AED certified. Janet Baker also would like to get certified, but NSI would not pay for her to do so. M. Nitti made a motion that the center pay for CJ, Shelli-Kae and Janet. Second by S. Quitmeyer, motion passed. We will contact NSI to see if they would pay for half of Janet's registration.

The chip clips have been received. They will be used at the Senior Expo. Don and Pauline Semerad, along with D. Shea will be staffing our booth. T. Tebben has put together a list of activities that will be inserted into our brochure which will also be handed out.

See the emailed report for more details.

Executive Committee Report: D. Strand went over the highlights of what the committee discussed. We talked about our Covid protocol, technology, and programming. Shelli-Kae asked about some summer PTO requests and how the center would be staffed in her absence. All PTO requests should go to the president.

The transition to MySeniorCenter has been going well. We have seen lots of good things and members have been having good experiences. D. Strand did feel that it is not as report strong as she would have liked. They have been very responsive to the questions that we have had.

Old Business:

Garage Sale: C. Strong spoke about the sale. The DAV came and took what they could, some items have been given to Caring and Sharing Room. Some items are in Kathryn's upcoming sale, but anything that is left should just be donated, so it is not sitting around the center. They were happy with the outcome of the sale netting \$3,678. There was discussion about a large old metal desk, the consensus was to just get rid of it.

Bus Trip: T. Tebben stated that the bus trip to the Terry Redlin Art Center is slow to fill up at the senior center. We need to fill the bus or it will be cancelled. July 1 is the deadline.

Technology Update: D. Strand and Shelli-Kae shared bids they had received to get the center hard wired. After discussion M. Nitti made a motion to move forward with getting the hardwiring done by Jolt Electric to include the meeting room, second by D. Dilly, motion passed with C. Strong opposed. This should help with the Wi-Fi issues. D. Strand brought up a concern that part of the meeting room actually belongs to HRA.

New Business:

Resignation: C. Erickson has turned in her written resignation which is part of the official meeting minutes. We thank her for her time spent with the front desk volunteer reorganization and being part of the search committee. M. Nitti has agreed to fill out her term. See above.

New members: D. Strand who has been inputting new members into the system was surprised at the numbers she saw between April 19 and May 30. 13 new individual members and 5 (10 individuals) couples joined the center.

Douglas County Fair: August 17-20 C. Strong mentioned that she is not able to chair the fair committee anymore. She felt that there should be chairs for several of the pieces of the fair. Pauline Semerad will be gone on vacation and will not be able to cover the cornercopia. D Shea will forward an email from Kathryn LaBrasseur to all board members. Discussion continued on how to accomplish C Strong's recommendation to the board that the Senior Center be at the Fair all four days, have three demonstrations on heritage/ethnic foods and identify a chair/co-chair and many, many volunteers. After brainstorming and discussion, D. Shea will be a co-chair with C. Strong, the three demonstrations (at this point in time) would be lefse, rommergot, and yarn spinning (removing the root beer float option), many board members agreed to help, increase prices (C. Strong said Kathryn is ok with that). A motion was made by M. Nitti that the senior center would let the Fair Board know we will continue to host the Heritage foods with three demonstrations for the four day of the 2022 county fair, seconded by D Strand, motion passed unanimously. There was discussion about getting tickets to the fair and the board felt that we should supply tickets for those helping.

Items from the Floor:

Coffee and Conversation - reminder it is being held June 9 and there were 5-8 people signed up so far

North Door Jam: Mikko's conversation with Shelli-Kae and D. Shea about North Door Jam performing once a month on Sunday. After discussion, it was decided to put this on the July agenda and D. Shea would gather more information.

Meeting adjourned after S. Quitmeyer made a motion, seconded by D. Strand, motion passed.

Next meeting is July 13 at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Tebben
Secretary