

City of Wixom
Senior Citizen Commission Meeting
49015 Pontiac Trail
September 11, 2023

Approved
12-11-2023

Chairperson Korleski called the meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission to order at 11:05 am with the following individuals in attendance:

Commission: Jean Korleski, Anna Contreras, George Carty, Mary Grant, Joan Roberts and Judy Celinski

Absent: Linda Halseth (Unexcused)

Staff: Melisa Burnham, Senior Coordinator
Sheryl Lucas, Administrative Assistant

Public: None

Determination of Quorum:

A quorum of the Senior Citizen Commission was present for this meeting.

Changes or additions to the Agenda

No changes or additions to the agenda.

Approval of the June 12, 2023 Senior Commission Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Korleski motioned for the June 12, 2023 meeting minutes to be approved. Commission member Mary Grant was first to approve the minutes and Commission member Judy Celinski was the second to approve the meeting minutes.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence to be reviewed.

Call to Public:

No public present

Tabled Motions:

No tabled motions for this meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Chairperson Korleski asked if the memorial plaque was up. Senior Coordinator, Melissa Burnham said the plaque is on display and she included information about the updated plaque in the senior newsletter. She also suggested that the plaque be updated annually, possibly every January. A new plaque needs to be ordered for additional names. Administrative Assistant Sheryl Lucas said the City of Wixom uses a local business. They will decide if they want to get a new plaque or just an additional plaque for the additional name tags.

Mexican dominos are now in the Senior center. Games are being played on Wednesday mornings after fitness class.

Chairperson Korleski stated she had spoken with Jodi Gallo from Lakes Area Youth Assistance. The seniors will receive information about adopting a child for Christmas in October or November this year. Jodi also told

Senior Coordinator, Melisa Burnham, about her daughter joining the Air Force on November 7th along with 49 others and mentioned it would be great if the seniors could send them cards and maybe candy because they will be in boot camp past Christmas.

The commission discussed a packing party for our military or for children around the world. They would pack a shoe box with items needed and mail them to the military bases or to needy children all over the world.

It was agreed upon that they would send cards to the Air Force group that Jodi Gallo's daughter is part of and they will adopt a child for Christmas through The Lakes Area Youth Assistance program. They agreed it would be nice to help a local child.

Commission member Judy Celinske mentioned help the Veterans. Chairperson Korleski mentioned she has a contact at the VFW on Loon Lake Road. She will reach out to her for information about their needs. Chairperson Korleski also brought up an organization not connected with the VFW. They have homes for Veterans at a reduced rate. It is a non-profit and that would be an organization that could benefit from future giving. It was decided that the seniors could do something for the Veterans in January or February.

The other unfinished business discussed was the August 17th BBQ and ice cream party. \$5 was deducted from each member's entrance fee. 52 members attended the event and received the \$5 discount.

New Business:

Senior Coordinator, Melisa Burnham, stated that membership numbers have increased since 2018. Current membership is at 201 Senior Citizens. She expects the number to increase even more next year. Commission member McCarty asked why Mrs. Burnham thinks the numbers are increasing. She said it is because of the calendar, the excitement about the events and trips and word of mouth.

Senior Coordinator, Melissa Burnham said that fitness classes are going well but they hit a hiccup with the Line Dancing class. The instructor is moving on and Mrs. Burnham is having a hard time finding a replacement. Line Dancing at the Senior Center is more about exercise and learning just a couple of dances. One of the students said she could fill in until a new instructor can be found. The Senior Coordinator continued to go over the numbers for trips, health and programming. Numbers are good. She said there is a new bus going to Fire Keepers, it is less expensive and they play bingo on the way. A popular program was Wills, Trusts and Ladybird Deeds on June 21st with 24 seniors in attendance. This program is being brought back on November 8, 2023. The Wixom Fire Department Extinguisher Training was also possible. Seniors even got to put out fires. She also said the appreciation lunch for the police, fire and DPW was very well received.

Senior Coordinator, Melisa Burnham, said another program that was well received was the Hospice-5 Wishes held on August 28th. This program will be coming back too.

The Senior Coordinator went over the Equipment Loan Program. She explained there is no charge for the program and you can keep the equipment you need or you can just use it as needed and return it. She did say they are in need of wheelchairs right now.

The Senior Coordinator also said the Assistance to Seniors program called Latest in Alzheimer's Research was excellent and she is going to try and get Dr. Giordani PH.D. to bring the program to the Wixom Senior Center.

The commission had a discussion about bringing Birthday Bingo back as a monthly potluck event. They said many members were talking about how they would love to be playing bingo monthly. It was decided they would bring it back as a potluck and they would serve birthday cake as dessert. Bingo will be on a Thursday

from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm. The Senior Coordinator said they can do it in September and October and then bring it back monthly starting in January.

Senior Coordinator Burnham will email the current financials to the commission. She went on to give information about upcoming event in October and November. In October there will be a fall color tour, a Safety and Self Defense class, a Stamping class along with a trip to the Parade Company and the Halloween Party. In November there is an author coming to talk about elephants, there will be a class on new laws impacting estate planning, an end-of-life class, the Thanksgiving party and she will be introducing a gingerbread house decorating contest.

There was discussion about getting information out to the seniors about places they can go for Thanksgiving dinner. The Senior Coordinator will be putting that information in the upcoming newsletter.

Second Call to Public:

No public present

Staff Comments:

No staff comments

Commission Comments:

Commission member Judy Celinske said she thought the meeting was great.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Chairperson Korleski. Vice-Chairperson Anna Contreras approved the motion and Commission member Celinske seconded the motion. The meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission was adjourned at 12:00 pm.