

**City of Wixom Senior Commission Meeting**  
**Wixom City Library**  
**49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom, MI**  
**Tuesday, October 10, 2022**  
**11:00 a.m.**

Chairman Korleski called this meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission to order at 10:00 a.m. with the following individuals in attendance:

COMMISSION: Jean Korleski (Chairman), Anna Contreras (Vice-Chairman), George Carty, Judith Celinske, Mary Grant, Joan Roberts

ABSENT:

STAFF: Steve Brown, City Manager  
Melisa Burnham, Senior Coordinator  
Crystal Opalko, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC: None

**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:**

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

**CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

Chairman Korleski added discussion regarding games and plaque engraving to Unfinished Business.

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY 14, 2020 SENIOR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES:**

Chairman Korleski stated the approval of the January 14, 2020 and October 10, 2022 minutes would take place at the next meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC (Agenda Items Only):**

None

**TABLED MOTIONS:**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion regarding games and plaque engraving.

Chairman Korleski recalled the last time they met in 2020, they contemplated the purchase of tiles for the Mexican Train Dominoes game. She asked if there was still an interest. Vice Chairman Contreras would check into this.

Chairman Korleski said the individual that engraved the names into the memorial plaque moved, but she would contact him to determine if he'd still be willing to do this for them for free. Since the last time they've engraved there were at least four individual names that should be added; Lawrence Grant, Connie Salvati, Connie Malloy and Ken Michlewicz.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. New Senior Coordinator Introduction-

Melisa Burham was very happy to be working in Wixom. She specified that she previously worked in the same capacity for Northville. She loved working with senior citizens because she gets enjoyment from seeing their smiles and putting enrichment into their lives. Her vision for the Wixom Senior Center was to create quality programming that included fitness, enrichment, health/wellness, trips, events and programs. In addition, she intended to provide a warm inclusive environment within the lounge that encouraged socialization, emotional well-being and fun. It was her desire to meet other Senior Coordinators within the area to develop working relationships and coordinate potential group events/parties.

2. Senior Coordinator Review of August and September Programming

- a. Membership
- b. Fitness
- c. Enrichment
- d. Trips
- e. Health
- f. Events/Parties
- g. Equipment Loan Program
- h. Assistance to Seniors

Ms. Burham said the membership had increased. She planned to meet with the fitness instructors and review every class to determine what was working and what was not. The most recent events held were the visit to the Detroit Zoo and Grand Reopening of the Senior Lounge. She felt that both events were successful. She said that she cleaned and disinfected the medical equipment and reopened the loan program; they've already had one wheelchair rental. Ms. Burham said

programming was not everything the Senior Center provided. She wanted to make the Senior Center the main hub for seniors to obtain information and resources for any of their needs.

3. Senior Coordinator Discussion of October and November Programming
  - a. Membership
  - b. Fitness
  - c. Enrichment
  - d. Trips
  - e. Health
  - f. Events/Parties

Ms. Burham said Tuesday Trivia started back up, and felt everybody enjoyed themselves. They had a Veterans Luncheon and a Birthday Luncheon for those folks that celebrated birthdays in July, August and September. On October 27, 2022, they would host a Halloween Party with a chili bar and bingo. The Thanksgiving Luncheon would have an interactive live performance by Balancing Earth, and the Holiday Party would have a live band. She was already looking into events for January and February of 2023. It was her hope to have one big party every month.

4. Wixom Senior Activities Fund

The Wixom Senior Activities Fund had approximately \$1,915.89.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

None

**INFORMATION:**

None

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

**Vice- Chairman Contreras** mentioned how they had a pot luck and birthday bingo in the past, she would like to see those events be brought back.

**Commissioner Celinske** thought the Lunch Bunch was highly missed and a great opportunity for people to be social while trying out new restaurants once a month. She was happy the Senior Center and programs were up and running again.

**Commissioner Roberts-** No comment

**Commission Grant** – No comment

**Commissioner Carty-** No comment

**Chairman Korleski** thought it would be worthwhile to bring back the 50/50 raffle drawings to support the Senior Activities Fund. She knew that fund helped out in various ways; such as purchasing games for the lounge, helping with prizes and centerpieces for the parties and assist with participant costs to the Holiday Party.

**Commissioner Grant** volunteered to fall in her late husband's footsteps and become the Commission's Treasurer and run the 50/50 raffles. She recalled other ways that brought money to the Senior Activities Fund, like hosting a white elephant auction.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

Ms. Burham announced that a nutrition class, vein information and hearing clinic would be coming up within the next coming weeks. The dates were available on the calendar.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Crystal Opalko