

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

Approved
3-18-2024

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
Steve Brown, City Manager

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 September 12, 2023 Senior Commission Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Korleski motioned for the September 12, 2023 meeting minutes to be approved. Commission member Mary Grant was first to approve the minutes and Vice-Chairperson Anna Contreras 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 stated she had reached out to both, Loon Lake Road VFW and the Michigan Veteran's home near the Selfridge base regarding doing a charitable event for the Veterans. She will reach back out to Pam at the Loon Lake VFW. Commission member Carty will speak with his neighbor. He believes he is the president at the VFW Hall. The Senior Coordinator, Melisa Burnham will also talk with the Veterans at the next Veteran's lunch. The Senior Center members want to do something for the veterans. Chairperson Korleski said they will work on it behind the scenes before the March 2024 Senior Commission meeting.

New Business

Senior Coordinator, Melisa Burnham said the registered member numbers continue to grow.

She said trips are very popular, except for the Casino trips, so those are being cut back a bit. Seniors want to get out and about. She is currently doing about 2 trips a month.

Line dancing numbers are up to 14 people weekly. Fitness classes are going well and the Flu Clinic was popular.

Chair massages will continue because it is a service to the seniors when they might need it.

She said the Senior Center is up to about 2 events a week. They are usually well attended but with the holidays it is possible there will be a slowdown.

Both the Halloween and Thanksgiving parties were well attended. The Halloween party received rave reviews because of the entertainment. Commission member George Carty said the Thanksgiving party should receive rave reviews because the food was wonderful. Chairperson Korleski agreed.

The Stamping Class has been cancelled. There was not enough interest and it was a bit pricy.

Senior Coordinator, Melisa Burnham said the Loan Program is going well. The Loan program allows seniors to borrow different types of medical equipment, such as wheel chairs and canes. She is also able to refer people to other Senior Centers if we don't have the equipment needed.

The Euchre and Mexican Train games are not that popular, but she will continue to keep them on the schedule.

She said the Senior Center is just not about entertainment but that they also care for their members and community. Five cards were sent out to registered Seniors. Cards are sent when someone is ill, has had a loss, or has had surgery. There are also donations of food made to the Hospitality House, which is now assisting about 1,000 families in the community. The Hospitality house is also in need of volunteers.

The Senior Coordinator also provides information to the Seniors about Community events taking place in surrounding communities.

Chairperson Korleski said that Melisa is doing a wonderful job . Commission member Celinske agreed and asked if there would be a way to get her some extra help or let her work full time. City Manager Brown said that right now there is not additional help, but that when Melisa is out the City Manager's office is able to assist. The City Manager said that the City of Wixom will begin preparing the budget for 2024 in January and he will look into those possibilities.

The Senior Coordinator stated that the December and January calendars have been completed for the Senior Center and she is currently working on January and February calendars right now.

The current balance of the Senior Activity fund is \$2,095.63. Commission member Grant said that the price of the Valentine Day party should be defrayed. The Senior Coordinator asked if they would rather defray the cost of the St. Patrick's Day party since more people attend. Commission member Grant made the motion to defray the cost of both parties by \$5 for registered seniors. Vice-Chairperson Contreras seconded the motion. It was approved by all members present.

The Senior Coordinator, Melisa Burnham said that she will be sharing through email and Facebook how charitable the seniors were for the holiday season. The support from the seniors was overwhelming. Through

the Lakes Area Youth Program, they adopted a 9-year-old and 4-year-old. Each child was able to receive 25 gifts. Gifts included a play kitchen, bike and clothes. The family was very excited. There was a surplus of monetary donations so money was also given to the Hospitality House. There have been three donations made to Hospitality House since November. They were also able to buy gloves, coats and shoes to help out the Walled Lake Consolidated School district's program that helps homeless students. More money has been donated by the seniors so Melisa will be reaching back out to the group assisting homeless students to see what else they need.

The Senior Coordinator brought up the subject of the Senior Commission Board. Linda Halseth is a member of the commission but has never attended a meeting nor has she responded to emails and phone calls made to her by the Senior Coordinator, Melisa Burnham. The Senior Coordinator spoke to the City Clerk Cathy Buck on the proper protocol to remove Linda from the board. According to the City rules, Article 5 section 4, if a board member has three or more unexcused absences from a commission meeting, they can be removed. The Senior Coordinator proposed they vote to remove Linda Halseth from the Commission and get a more active member. Chairperson Korleski motioned to remove Linda Halseth from the Commission. There was a unanimous agreement in the Commission.

There is a registered senior member interested in joining the commission. She has filled out the application.

Conversation turned to the Christmas party on December 14th. Vice Chairperson Contreras asked if there would be a 50/50 drawing. There is going to be a 50/50 and there will be a separate table in the senior lounge for purchase of tickets from 11:30 to 12:00 pm. Everyone agreed that having the ticket sales in the lounge would be a great idea. The Senior Coordinator did ask for help regarding making the sign showing where the tickets will be sold.

The last subject discussed was our meeting times for the 2024 calendar year. It was agreed to keep a consistent date, so the third Monday of the month was agreed upon. The 4 meetings for 2024 will be:

March 18, 2024 11 am
June 17, 2024 11 am
September 16, 2024 11 am
December 16, 2024 11 am

The Senior Coordinator will send out an email to the Commission confirming the dates agreed upon.

Second Call to Public:

No public present

Staff Comments:

No staff comments

Commission Comments:

Commission member Judy Celinske said she thought it was wonderful how charitable the Seniors were with Christmas and thinks they will do the same in helping the Veterans.

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 11:40 am.