

OREM SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, February 5, 2014

Orem Senior Friendship Center

Conference Room

1:15 p.m.

PRESENT: Commission members: Kay Bradford, Joyce Ottens, Barbara Willes, Judy Womack, Tom Carlile, David Squires, Recreation Director: Karl Hirst, Administrative Assistant/Senior Center Program Coordinator: Gena Bertelsen, Senior patron: Bob Womack.

EXCUSED: Alvin Witt

CONDUCTING: Chairman Kay Bradford

INTRODUCTION:

Kay Bradford welcomed commission members. The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m.

MINUTES:

The minutes from the October 2, 2013 meeting were approved by a unanimous vote.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Karl Hirst informed the commissioners that it was necessary to elect a chairman and a vice chair for the group due to our current chairman, Kay Bradford, being re-appointed to a second term. He informed them that Kay could be re-elected or they may choose someone else to serve. Tom Carlile motioned to keep Kay Bradford as chairman of the committee and nominate Barbara Willes as vice-chair. Kay Bradford seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Karl offered to share any information about the UTOPIA deal with the city. He offered to educate any of the seniors who are interested as the deal progresses but that it is only in stage 1 of the process. Karl also updated commission members on the closing of the pool for the remodel.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Program Director Gena Bertelsen reported on the success of Cowboy Day and the Quick Draw contest. Several seniors have requested the activity happen again soon.

The membership drive beginning in November has resulted in 253 annual memberships and 263 golden memberships updated. An email option was offered on the membership form and 25% of our active members are having the newsletter, menu and activities emailed to them monthly.

On January 1<sup>st</sup> the suggested meal donation went from \$2 to \$3 for eligible meals and meals for those under 60 increased to \$6 per meal. It was anticipated that the average donation per meal would

decrease. In November the average meal donation was \$1.47, December was \$1.19 and January went up to \$1.77. Since November we have served 4861 meals.

November saw 729 BINGO participants, 635 in December and 884 in January.

The holiday season was fast and busy. There have been a multitude of compliments on the Thanksgiving lunch that was served on real dishes with real silverware and delivered by our new Mayor and city council members. We hope to make this an annual event.

The New Year's Eve dance was a success. 100's of volunteer hours were spent making all of the food, decorating and cleaning. It could not have been done without the dance committee. At the end of the day we were ahead by \$142.50.

We have suspended the Saturday Night Dances and will only be planning 4 special occasion dances each year. Scott Swain, a member of the community, would like to coordinate with high school ballroom dance teams and their instructors and plan a few dances for them, to be held at the senior center. The students would pay an entrance fee, adhere to a dress code and the music would be on a CD instead of paying for a band. The senior center dance committee would serve refreshments, set up and clean up after the dance. Ballroom dance teams would be assigned a dance where their school would have to provide chaperones. Money collected would be used to pay for the refreshments, gift cards for prizes (in \$5 amounts) and for staff management during the dance. The remaining funds would go back into the dance fund to build revenue that could pay for a band for those four community dances.

The next scheduled dance is on Valentine's. We have only pre-sold 10 tickets but hope to have a good crowd.

Receptionists and service workers continue to be flexible to meet the daily demands and Gena expressed her gratitude of that.

The HVAC/Heating system continues to be adjusted and/or fixed.

Wi-Fi services have been hit and miss and Gena is working with the IT group to resolve the problems. Food donations have been huge and we sometimes have so much that John Ottens takes it to other senior centers.

The seniors are looking forward to participating in a Thrift Store Fashion Show at the end of February and a red-carpet, epic event, "The Grammy's" in March.

The center will be closed for annual maintenance March 29-April 6, 2014.

Bob Womack asked if we are ready for the amount of people who will be coming from the new TREEO senior living development across the street. There are 155 senior apartments and they will be starting to fill up and have seniors move in during March and April but it will not be all at once. Gena and Karl are both confident that the increase in patrons will be manageable.

David Squires asked about the box that patrons could put mail in to send out with the postman. Concerns have been shared with him concerning the security of it. Karl asked Gena to check with post office about alternatives.

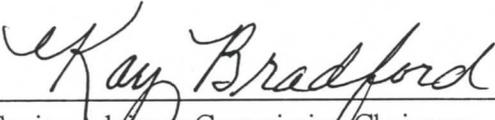
Kay Bradford asked about the meal donation box being more visible so that patrons would be more inclined to donate. Because of federal guidelines it has to be secure and out of the "view" of staff so that patrons are comfortable about donating.

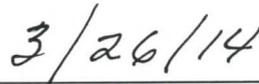
Kay also mentioned how much she appreciates the newsletter and the information in it.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:03 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2014 1:15 p.m.

  
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Senior Advisory Commission Chairman

  
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