

## OREM SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, February 4, 2015  
Orem Senior Friendship Center  
Conference Room  
1:15 p.m.

PRESENT: Commission members: LaRae Adams, Kay Bradford, Tom Carlile, Margarette Hlawatschek, Liz Merrell, Joyce Ottens, David Squires, Recreation Director: Karl Hirst, Senior Center Program Coordinator: Gena Bertelsen.

### WELCOME:

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

### PRAYER:

The prayer was offered by Kay Bradford.

### MINUTES:

Margarette Hlawatschek moved that the minutes from the December 17, 2014 meeting be approved. It was seconded by David Squire. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Karl Hirst welcomed new commission member Liz Merrell and thanked all commissioners for their dedication and time.

### PROGRAM COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Gena Bertelsen reported the following;

December meals served were 1277 with an average of 1.52 per meal donated. January meals served 1303 with 1.72 donated per meal. It appears that making the announcements and reminding everyone to make their donations if possible, gave a little bit of a jump in the meal donations. Each meal costs \$5.92 to prepare and get to our center. The federal government funds the program and asks for a \$3 donation to be made per meal. Mountainland has asked to announce that if a second meal is taken (due to leftovers) that we suggest a second donation be made. Commissioners would like Gena to let Senior Aging Council know that they feel uncomfortable asking for second donation.

Our New Year's Eve Dance had 50 paying attendees which was just enough to pay the band. We are in the red for this dance by several hundred dollars. It was an exciting event that went beautifully considering one of our patrons passed away on the dance floor. It was his birthday and he literally lived to dance. Our dance committee met at the first of January and we have planned the Valentine's dance for Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. They voted to change the dance times from 8-11 to 7-10 PM with the doors opening at 6:45PM. Each committee member was responsible to take at least 3

posters and place them in specific locations throughout the county and we hope this and the time change will improve attendance.

Bingo attendance was 729 in December and 739 in January.

Wendover: We have been utilizing Le Bus for transportation. This seems to have been an easy transition. No one has complained about the rate increase. We were 7 short of a full bus in November. No trip in December and January trip has made it to 39. I spoke with Le Bus about contracting with a smaller bus. Their smaller bus seats 27 but actually costs more to charter. The price would rise significantly (to \$32) for each patron but we would probably be able to send a full bus each time. I spoke with other senior center directors and they shared that their trips have virtually ended as they have had a difficult time getting enough patrons on the bus to pay the price of the trip. Ray at Le Bus also said he is not sure if he is interested in altering his Wednesday pick up at this point as he would have to pick up seniors so early here and then they would travel down to Provo McDonalds and then head North. If they opted to be picked up after Provo the double decker bus would be needed and he fears that would not be a good solution. Joyce asked Gena to remind the driver they are going to the Rainbow, not Montego Bay. Liz suggested contacting some of the Meals on Wheels recipients to see if they wanted to go on the trip. Gena will check into this.

We were able to honor the Eldred Sunset Manor Foundation for their contributions over the decades to our facility. The plaque was made by David Haight, one of our wood shop foremen who had a friend with a laser cutter do the imprinting on it. While preparing for the event I asked for some history information on the foundation to which they brought their aged scrapbook that was tattered and falling apart. The pictures in it were amazing and totally unprotected so I asked if they would give me permission to redo the book as our gift to them. They said yes. We gave them the book with the award and they were so grateful. At the council meeting they commented that they have never been treated with such dignity and honor as they have with Orem City and the Senior Friendship Center.

The Grammy's have been scheduled for Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow with the group of senior services that were involved last year and couldn't wait to be a part of it this year. Frank Sinatra (AKA Josh Boaz) has excitedly agreed to be the Master of Ceremonies. He was such a hit last year and we couldn't be happier to have him be with us this year. I have also extended an invitation to The Bored Shorts TV team, The Swing Sisters and Elvis. We will be asking the seniors to vote for the winners this year. I hope to have the Bored Shorts Guys pick the best snippet.

We started an English as a Second Language (ESL) class in December and have had two of our patrons graduate from level one to level two. It was very heart-warming to hear them thank "the senior center".

Upcoming events: Last Talent show in preparation of the Grammy's 2015 is Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have already had some sign-ups for this and we are really looking forward to the fun.

Seniors at the Legislature is coming up on February 19<sup>th</sup> and Kay has offered to be the hostess for this trip. The seniors really enjoyed it last year as they had our own Speaker of the House Howard Nielson give them a special tour.

Kay Bradford shared a poem and treat with each in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2015 at 1:15 PM

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Senior Advisory Commission Chairman

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Date