

**CITY OF WIXOM  
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION MEETING  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
49015 PONTIAC TRAIL  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017**

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, Shirley Pfeffer, Connie Salvati, Joan Roberts and Larry Grant (10:02 a.m.)

ABSENT: Stacey Banks (Administrative Assistant to City Manager, Clarence Goodlein) (Excused)

STAFF: Tracy McMahan (Senior Coordinator)

PUBLIC: Del Goodlein

**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:**

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

**CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

None.

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 15, 2016 SENIOR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION** and seconded by Commissioners Salvati and Pfeffer to approve the November 15, 2016 Senior Commission Meeting Minutes.

**VOTE:**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

There were no comments made by the public.

**TABLED MOTIONS:**

There were no tabled motions.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS:****1. Senior Coordinator Report; Receive and File**

Commissioner Pfeffer referred to the Senior Newsletter regarding the Senior Commission's sponsorship of the Friday hours at the Senior Center. Although the Senior Commissioners previously discussed having euchre on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday and pinochle on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month, she noted that a lot of seniors have told her that they do not like the open play format. She suggested charging \$3 for entry or doing a tournament twice per month. Chairman Korleski asked who would handle this. Commissioner Grant suggested having a tournament every other month and offered to oversee this every other month. Chairman Korleski asked whether euchre should be started on the second Friday in February. Commissioner Grant said that he had already told everyone it would commence in January. He also noted that the Senior newsletter does not say that it is a tournament. Ms. McMahan said that the sign-up sheet can note that it is a tournament. Chairman Korleski noted that the euchre tournaments will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of January, March, May, September and November, 2017. Chairperson Korleski asked for assistance from Commissioners willing to help with pinochle. Commissioner Roberts said that she can help but will need some lessons first. Commissioner Pfeffer offered to help with the pinochle as well. Commissioner Salvati said that she can try to help but will be unavailable for three of those months. She inquired when the pinochle tournaments will be. Commissioner Grant said they will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month during February, April, June, August and October, 2017.

Commissioner Pfeffer thinks that the Tree of Sharing is an excellent idea and she proposes that the Senior Commission donate to the Ronald McDonald House for May, 2017 since that will give Ms. McMahan time to include it in the newsletter and also provide the Commissioners a chance to do a white elephant sale in order to get some publicity. She would like to see the miniature house moved over to the emergency exit location since it is currently lacking visibility. She also suggested doing another Desert Angel packing party later this year which could be a fundraiser to cover the shipping costs of the boxes for the soldiers. Commissioner Pfeffer asked Ms. McMahan what happens if there is no fundraiser within a particular month and whether the Commissioners should do a 50/50 raffle or bingo. Chairman Korleski said that there is nothing in the Senior Commission's bylaws which requires that. Ms. McMahan said that she

can take that month's coffee money and put it with the 50/50 proceeds. Chairman Korleski confirmed with Ms. McMahan that a 50/50 raffle will be done for the Valentine's Day event.

Commissioner Salvati asked what happens to the bottom line in the Senior Activity account. Commissioner Grant said that the Commissioners vote upon the expenditures. Chairman Korleski noted that when they had the donations to the veterans picked up, the Commissioners opted not to personally make the trip downtown since it would have cost \$180. They were able to cancel the transportation on short notice without penalty.

Chairman Korleski asked for clarification as to how the cookie walk will be publicized and how it will work. Ms. McMahan said that she worded it so that it can include cookies, candies, etc. Commissioner Grant noted that the goodies will be donated and the proceeds will go to the Senior Tree of Sharing charity for that month. Ms. McMahan said that the event will take place on Valentine's Day itself, February 14, 2017. Attendees will pay a set amount and then be able to receive a defined amount of goodies of their choosing. She will firm up the details in the next week or so.

Chairman Korleski noted that someone suggested moving the two handicap parking spaces to be adjacent to the two handicap spots on the side of the building or to redesignate a couple spots closest to the library entry doors.

Chairman Korleski noted that the gentleman handling the engraving for the memorial plaque is one of her neighbors and that he is doing the work for free. He is giving the seniors a very fast turnaround time on the engravings.

Commissioner Pfeffer said that she wants to vote on designating the charity proceeds to the Ronald McDonald House. Ms. McMahan said that the charities selected will be randomly picked so that it will be fairer. The Seniors will have more than one chance to be selected for funding. She will also add Desert Angel. The names of the charities/organizations will be written on the leaves of Tree of Sharing for selection. Commissioner Salvati asked who Rebuilding Oakland County is. Ms. McMahan said that they modify homes for seniors/low income individuals in order to provide

access for disabilities; i.e., wheelchairs, walkways, etc. They typically host an annual event held in the spring. Some Wixom seniors have benefited from Rebuilding Oakland County's services.

Commissioner Pfeffer said that a lot of seniors want to know which charities will be selected. Chairman Korleski said that the charities for January through March have already been selected. Commissioner Pfeffer thinks that a lot of seniors would be willing to donate to a charity. However, many feel that there have been a lot of donations to Hospitality House and she would like to see another charity selected. How about Desert Angel and Ronald McDonald House together? Commissioner Salvati suggested one of the soup kitchens including Capuchin Kitchens. She noted there is one in Pontiac. Commissioner Pfeffer confirmed with Ms. McMahan that once a charity's name has been picked it goes up on the board, stays on the board and cannot go back into the jar until the following year.

Commissioner Pfeffer noted that there are at least a dozen seniors attending the Senior Center during Fridays and that is hard for them to plan programs. She welcomed the involvement of the Senior Commissioners in planning euchre and pinochle events. She also suggested holding events for the Tiger's Opening Day (April 7, 2017) and Cinco de Mayo, both of which fall on a Friday this year. Chairman Korleski suggested soliciting the seniors who are present on Fridays as to their interests regarding future events. Commissioner Pfeffer said she is getting mixed messages. Some seniors say that the Senior Commission should be handling that and some say that the Senior Commission is not doing enough. Commissioner Grant noted that the seniors who are participating on Fridays need to get involved. Chairman Korleski noted that it was never the intent that the Senior Commission entertain the seniors on Fridays but only that the City facilities would be open on Fridays. Commissioner Pfeffer noted that the way it is noted in the Senior newsletter is misleading. Commissioner Grant noted that the Friday hours are facilitated but not sponsored by the Senior Commission. While some of the Senior Commissioners may help out with some of the Friday events, that does not mean that the Senior Commission is sponsoring them.

Commissioner Roberts suggested using a suggestion box to garner input from the seniors. Ms. McMahan will put the suggestion box back out.

Commissioner Grant noted that for larger events including up to 8-12 tables, the order in which the tables are served food needs to be randomized instead of always working right to left or vice versa. Commissioner Contreras noted that in Milford they assign a number to the centerpieces on the table and then draw numbers.

**INFORMATION:**

**1. Wixom Senior Activity Fund Financial Statement**

Commissioner Grant noted that the fund's current balance is \$1,203.66 and that there was an additional \$50 in receipts from December 16, 2016.

Commissioner Grant noted \$2 per person of the Valentine's Day event registration fee will be paid by the Senior Activity Fund. The members will pay \$8 instead of \$10 to register. This \$2 discount will only pertain to current member registration, not non-member registration. The event is open to non-members as well as members.

Commissioner Contreras asked when tax preparation will begin. Ms. McMahan said that seniors can sign up now. The first day will be on President's Day when the City is closed. However, she will be here on that day **only** to provide access to the building for seniors who have a scheduled appointment for tax preparation.

**2. Senior Happenings Newsletter – January through March, 2017**

Chairman Korleski noted that this topic had already been discussed earlier in the meeting.

**3. Updated Senior Commission members**

Commissioner Pfeffer welcomed Commissioner Roberts to the Senior Commission. Commissioner Grant provided his cell phone number to the Commissioners as an alternate means of contact.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Pfeffer would like to discuss the white elephant auction. Chairman

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Korleski would prefer to hold discussion of this until the Commission's next meeting on March 14, 2017 at which time she will solicit a commitment for assistance with that event from the other Senior Commissioners. She noted this will also give Ms. McMahan an opportunity to get the white elephant event in the Senior newsletter.

### **STAFF COMMENTS:**

There were no comments made by the staff.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Fisher  
Recording Secretary