

**CITY OF WIXOM  
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION MEETING  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
49015 PONTIAC TRAIL  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018**

Approved  
3-13-2018

Chairman Korleski called this meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission to order at 10:03 a.m. with the following individuals in attendance:

COMMISSION: Jean Korleski (Chairman), Anna Contreras, Shirley Pfeffer, Connie Salvati, and Larry Grant

ABSENT: Joan Roberts (Excused)

STAFF: Tracy McMahan (Senior Coordinator) and Sheryl Lucas (Administrative Assistant to City Manager, Steve Brown)

PUBLIC: None

**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 14, 2017 SENIOR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION** and seconded by Commissioners Salvati and Grant to approve the November 14, 2017 Senior Commission Meeting Minutes.

**VOTE:**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to be reviewed.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

There were no members of the public present.

**TABLED MOTIONS:**

There were no tabled motions.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Senior Coordinator Report – Receive and File**

Ms. McMahan noted that the Thanksgiving party had a good turnout and the Christmas holiday party had 85 attendees with excellent food. Now, she is just getting readjusted to her physical relocation in the other building. The renovation is proceeding and currently the doors, carpet and everything has been ripped out. She will take pictures of the work being done and distribute that to the Commissioners. Two members of the staff have remained onsite in the old space while the work is under way.

Ms. McMahan announced that she is currently signing seniors up for tax preparation help with AARP volunteers. Chairman Korleski confirmed with Ms. McMahan that seniors can come in with questions regarding the preparation of their returns. Tax preparer volunteers will be onsite February 12<sup>th</sup>, February 26<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup>, March 26<sup>th</sup> and April 9, 2018.

Ms. McMahan noted that euchre will be held on Thursday at 1 p.m. in the main building. The signup sheet is located in the Police Department. Chairman Korleski noted that there will be no food provided for the euchre games unless it is a light snack. Commissioner Grant noted that there will be no break for lunch and the seniors will play through. Ms. McMahan offered to provide pretzels for the euchre games.

Chairman Korleski confirmed with Ms. McMahan that senior exercise classes are continuing in the small room of the main City Hall offices. There were 17 attendees last week and 27 people came for exercise yesterday. She believes those numbers will increase as the weather warms. That is the only space available. Card playing is available in the afternoons. All of the exercise, chair yoga and line dancing are completed by 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Contreras confirmed with Ms. McMahan that Mahjong is still being held in the Library building. There are tables set up in the craft room.

Commissioner Grant wondered about the variety of entertainers utilized for senior events. He asked whether there is a broader list of entertainers to choose from since they have been using the same people. He thinks that the previous Senior Coordinator, Kathy, may have compiled a list during her short tenure and he recalls giving her the name of a father/daughter singing act. He would like to see some new entertainers. Chairman Korleski noted that the Christmas group with the saxophone was really good. She would like to see something more contemporary musically, perhaps from the 1960's/1970's era.

**INFORMATION:**

**1. Senior Activity Fund Financial Statement**

Commissioner Grant noted that the two 50/50 raffles netted \$48 and \$100, respectively and that \$148 was deposited. The \$2 per ticket discount was not yet subtracted. Ms. McMahan suggested that this be deferred until the seniors' next large party event, likely St. Patrick's Day. She noted there will be no big Valentine's Day party. Commissioner Salvati suggested taking the February Lunch Bunch and turning it into a Valentine's Day dinner at a local restaurant so that seniors can still celebrate that holiday. Commissioner Grant suggested trying to negotiate a flat rate price for a set choice of entrees. Chairman Korleski asked what the date is for the St. Patrick's Day party. Ms. McMahan indicated that she has not set any March dates yet until they are closer to seeing when the renovations will be complete. She does not need to turn the newsletter in until the second week in February. Commissioner Pfeffer noted that the next Senior Commission meeting is March 13, 2018.

**MOTION** and seconded by Commissioners Korleski and Grant to approve the \$2 discount per member for ticket prices for the 2018 St. Patrick's Day seniors' party.

**VOTE:**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Pfeffer noted that there were previous discussions about setting a timeline for various senior projects including soliciting gift cards from local

businesses for the auctions and raffles. Do they want to do that again this year? Chairman Korleski suggested doing so for the major senior events and asked the Commissioners whether they should request gift cards for Christmas or a picnic event. Commissioner Grant suggested using them for the Chinese auction rather than Christmas or Thanksgiving. Commissioner Salvati noted that she is uncomfortable approaching local businesses for the gift cards and that out of six businesses she solicited, she only received one gift card. She believes that Commissioner Roberts had the same experience and feelings toward it. Chairman Korleski asked if the Commissioners do not solicit gift card donations, where will they get the items for the auction. Commissioner Salvati noted that in the past they have asked for donations of new, desirable, unused items from members. Those items could still be used as prizes for a Chinese auction. Commissioner Grant believes the two approaches can be combined (using donated items and accepting donations of new, desirable items) and that the geographic boundaries of the businesses being solicited can be expanded since they do have some members who live in neighboring communities. He noted that some of the seniors who attend Wixom's events are Novi residents. He suggested that for the next Senior Commission meeting the Commissioners can arrive with a list of at least five potential business donors. The assignments for business solicitations can be divided up amongst the Commissioners at the next meeting. Ms. McMahan mentioned that Mr. Michliewicz has a flag which was flown in Lansing that he wishes to donate for fundraising.

Commissioner Salvati asked where the raffle proceeds will be spent. Chairman Korleski said that can be discussed at the March Senior Commission meeting.

Commissioner Pfeffer confirmed that they will be collecting items to be donated to the veterans from October through mid-November this year and also doing Desert Angels in March or April. Chairman Korleski said that she was contacted by Louise, the founder of Desert Angels, and that since her husband is experiencing health challenges and she will be out of town, any packing party hosted by the Wixom seniors will have to be done later in 2018.

Chairman Korleski confirmed that due to the costs involved the seniors will not be partnering with Samaritan's purse in terms of collecting charitable items.

Commissioner Grant asked where the Senior Center stands in terms of expanding its choice of board games. Ms. McMahan said that she purchased a number of

games, including Apples to Apples, per the Commission's request at their May 9, 2017 meeting. Most of these games remain on the shelf. Commissioner Salvati suggested Mexican train, a form of dominoes. Chairman Korleski confirmed with Ms. McMahan that the Center already has the Five Crowns game. Ms. McMahan said that most of the games are still in the space currently being renovated. Commissioner Grant noted that there is a set of cards kept in Ms. McMahan's office for tournaments while the other, more well-used games sets are located elsewhere.

Commissioners Contreras and Salvati have been questioned by seniors as to how the proceeds from the 50/50 raffles are being spent. Chairman Korleski noted that those monies are used for things for the Senior Center including the memorial plaque. She suggested that it might be helpful to the seniors to detail these expenditures in future newsletters. Commissioner Grant noted that part of the raffle proceeds go toward subsidizing the \$2 per member discount to select senior parties and functions. Chairman Korleski noted that last year they purchased exercise weights. Ms. McMahan noted that the City paid for the chairs. Commissioner Grant noted that the Senior Commission paid for the exercise bands. Commissioner Grant suggested saving some of the raffle monies to invest in games with the balance going to charities. Commissioner Contreras asked Ms. McMahan whether she purchases the drum sticks. Ms. McMahan said that the instructor brings them in. Chairman Korleski asked whether there is anything else the seniors need or want that the City cannot fund. Ms. McMahan suggested perhaps an entertainer for one of the senior events/parties.

Ms. McMahan noted that the City pays a minimum of \$12 per person for food at the senior parties/events. She only charges \$10 per person for senior members. That is in addition to whatever she pays for entertainment which also comes out of the City's Senior Fund. If an organization sponsors it, that money would pay for entertainment. Commissioner Pfeffer confirmed with Ms. McMahan that when First of Main comes with food the seniors pay nothing for that. Commissioner Pfeffer asked how much the entertainment costs. Ms. McMahan said it ranges from \$150-\$250. Chairman Korleski noted that would be three 50/50 raffles to recoup that and that it might be better to stick with buying items needed for the

Senior Center. She noted that Milford had someone who was really good, an Irish group that passes out their music. Ms. McMahan will follow up with Debbie at Milford in order to secure the name of this entertainment group.

Commissioner Grant asked whether there is a master list of regional senior events beyond Wixom proper. Ms. McMahan said that there is a sock hop scheduled for the spring, possibly in South Lyon. Commissioner Grant suggested that perhaps someone could attend the meetings where regional senior events are discussed in Ms. McMahan's stead if she is busy simultaneously chairing the Senior Commission meetings. Commissioner Pfeffer noted that the Richardson Center will be reopen on March 5, 2018.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

Ms. Lucas introduced herself as the new Administrative Assistant to City Manager Brown and passed out her business card to the Commissioners. She will work closely with Ms. McMahan and is a point of contact for the Senior Commissioners for the City Manager's Office. She prepares reports for the City Manager, especially for City Council meetings and represents the City Manager's Office within the community. In fact, she attended a business forum just this morning. She is a 17-year Wixom resident and has two teenagers. Most of her prior experience was in the business world.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Fisher  
Recording Secretary