



GAHANNA ACTIVE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
APRIL 19, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

President Ken Crissman and Active Adult Supervisor, Patrick Monaghan called the Gahanna Active Senior Advisory Committee meeting to order April 19, 2017 at 2:31 pm at the Gahanna Senior Center.

ATTENDANCE:

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Present:

Ruth Burris Ken Crissman GG Glen Merrijo Linton Donna Turrin

Absent:

Judy Cockburn Laura Emler

GUESTS AND STAFF:

Present:

Patrick Monaghan - Staff
Ellen Ore - Staff

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 15, 2017

Crissman advised the March 15, 2017 minutes were approved as read as no corrections or additions were needed.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - None

OLD BUSINESS

Travel Program policies – Monaghan advised the wording for the updating of this policy will be submitted to the next Parks & Recreation Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Parks & Recreation Foundation Representative: Tabled until the next meeting as Monaghan needs to reach out to the Foundation Chairman Lee Tucker regarding any continued interest in having a Senior Center member be on this Board.

OFFICER REPORTS

Supervisor's Report:

Monaghan advised this is the busy season with new Senior programs and activities, and he hopes to utilize the kitchen more for meal programs and cooking classes. The Garden Club had its first meeting two weeks ago with 20 people in attendance and the new garden beds will be an asset to the Center.

Monaghan reported the recent Spring Fling at Hannah Park was a huge success, with a lot of positive feedback. It was well attended, the food and music was well received and the plan is to host this event again next spring. Burris and Linton both commented it was a wonderful day with so many activities to join and enjoy.

Be sure to keep an eye on the Spotlight newsletter, the calendar and posted information on the monitor. A new incentive will be put in place; two trivia questions will be posted in the Spotlight and on the monitor, to be answered by members. The answers will be posted in the Spotlight, and a prize will be given to the first person who gets pulled from the ballot box with both questions answered correctly. It's an incentive to keep people reading and updated on posted activities and events at the Center.

The Ice Cream Social is coming up on May 10th and elections for the Advisory Committee are during that event. The Membership Committee (acting as the Balloting Committee) will oversee the voting and ballot collection. The ice cream social is sponsored this year and Bill Foley will be the music performer.

Active membership is currently 380 so far this year, and with the 2016 final figure at 520, we are well on the way to surpass last year's numbers. The Golf League meeting is tomorrow which will increase membership also. The male members are increasing and statistics show them at 22% of the membership currently. Male oriented activities are increasing, and future morning visits to the McDonald's coffee/breakfast groups are slated to encourage awareness of the Senior Center and encourage more male membership. Linton suggested a beer making class might draw interest from current male members and might bring in new male membership also.

Travel Program – Monaghan advised there will be offering more day trips this year with an upcoming trip to Wright Patterson AFB. Turrin inquired about possibly traveling to Tuscarawas County (Amish area) for cheese/sweets/ jams and jellies in the fall. The survey/feedback box was suggested as a way to voice ideas for trips.

Treasury Report – No report given

ASAC President/VP Report

Crissman advised there are four candidates for three positions for the Advisory Committee. The names of the candidates are:

Janet Blizzard
Ken Crissman
Chet McMullen
Tanya Sayre

Monaghan advised the application/profile from Janet Blizzard came in one week after the deadline, and he wanted to be sure it was approved by the ASAC to be put on the ballot. A discussion took place and the application was approved by all Committee members. Glen and Cockburn will not be returning to the Committee and their positions will need filled. New Committee members will be effective with the June ASAC meeting. Sub-Committees will be set up during that meeting also.

MEMBER COMMENTS (Committee Reporting)

Membership Sub-Committee

Burris advised there is a short meeting scheduled for May 10th at 9am. Final preparation will be made for the May 15th-16th calls that will be made to new members to remind them of the upcoming 1pm May 26th New Members Mixer. The Mixer will be for the new members and will introduce instructors and

have them speak on their programs, Spotlight newsletters will be distributed and Crissman will be in attendance to represent the Advisory Committee. Burris will keep Monaghan advised of any other needed items or services for this event and Turrin offered her homemade cakes for the occasion.

Fundraising Sub-Committee:

Monaghan advised on behalf of Emler, who is helping coordinate the Senior Celebration of September 13th. A planning meeting is scheduled for May 5th and attendance to that meeting is encouraged. The Sponsor for this event (to handle/provide the hors d'oeuvres) has been established and they will be at the May 5th planning meeting.

A Planned Giving event needs to be looked into for the fall, and even though Emler is speaking, more help will be needed to plan the event.

Public Relations Sub-Committee:

Glen advised she and Burris represented the Senior Center at a table at the March 23rd State of the City Address, to provide general information and applications for membership. It was well attended and new contacts were made.

Ad Hoc Committee: None

Monaghan provided some final items:

Notes (a tickler) will be made in a Renter's household information in Rec Trac regarding lack of clean-up as he and staff have had to take extra time on Mondays to clean the Center properly after a weekend rental.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION AND A BIG THANK YOU!! Goes to GG Glen and Judy Cockburn for their years of service, efforts, and participation on the Advisory Committee. They are more than welcome to continue to be a part of and support when possible on any Sub-committees as their efforts would be appreciated!

The next ASAC meeting will be June 21, 2017 at 2:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Ore