Orion Township
Senior Advisory Committee

September 2, 2015

Members Present: Sharry Jones, Chuck Lorenze, David Mansfield, Karen Knox, Penny Shults, Mark Thurber, George Hanley, Lisa Sokol, George Sinnott, Ian Locke, Dottie Kowalski, Karen Losee

Members Absent: Bob Hazzard, Delores Vovillia, Bill Schramm, Penny Shults, Glenn Smith, Jim Roback, Ian Loche

Meeting called to order by George Hanley at 9:21 AM

More ONTV classes are scheduled for seniors, next class is scheduled for Sept 17 & 18.

The Senior Library has two new people working, they are Mary and Jill.
Other Library Events:

> Paint Creek boys on Sept 12
> Sept 14 - Outside the Lines
> Starting Sept 21 - Friends Book Sale
> Blood drive

Friends of Orion Center Seniors - Sharry advised that there is a dinner/dance scheduled for October 12 from 5 - 8 PM, tickets are available. The Friends will also have a fund raiser at Leo's Restaurant on Sept. 25 with a portion of the revenue going to the Friends.

Lisa advised that the Outreach Brochure has been sent to about 14,000 households, it has also been sent via Constant Contact to 4,291 people with over 32% opening the e-mail.

Beaumont Hospital will be changing it's logo, all signs relating to Beaumont must be changed. Beaumont will also be changing their hours of operation at the Orion Center.

George Sinnott suggested that we look at the opportunity to lower the age of people using the exercise room based on the fact that most of the equipment bought with restrictive grant money is either being replaced or depreciated. Lisa agreed to look at the possibility and possibly use a stepped approach to lowering the age for using the equipment.

George Hanley suggested we again look at the New Step equipment.

MOTION MADE, SECONDED AND APPROVED that Lisa and George Hanley visit a New Step user, there are locations at the West Bloomfield Senior Center and at Healthquest that could be visited but the West Bloomfield site is preferred because it is in a Senior Center.

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There was a lengthy discussion regarding the budget for the next fiscal year. Lisa must present her budget request in late September. Parks and Recreation, including the Senior Budget has been cut for the last three years. George Sinnott requested that the Senior Advisory Board should be involved in providing input to Lisa regarding the budget. A meeting with Lisa and the Board has been scheduled for Wed., **September 9th at 9 AM.** The Board will provide input on suggested programs and budget items for the next fiscal year. In addition, the group will put together a presentation for the Township Board regarding our requirements and suggestions for budget items.

Mark Thurber suggested a summary of items to present to the Board, this includes what programs are popular, which ones are not working, summary of cost/revenue, etc. Karen Knox explained that profitability and number of people participating were not the only issues and there may be more important benefits to certain programs that cannot be described in numbers only.

Lisa will be going to the Township Board on September 8th to seek approval to process credit cards for programs at the Orion Center. The equipment is in place and personnel training must take place.

Facility Update - A lot of work has been done on the HVAC system and it is nearing completion. The piping and boilers are installed, system balancing will take place within the next two weeks. George Sinnott wanted to make sure that we had LOCAL people capable of adjusting the system and did not have to rely on outside assistance to make normal heating and air conditioning adjustments. He was assured by Lisa that Al would be trained with additional help from Aaron and Jeff Stout.

Lisa advised that there would be a Volunteer Recognition dinner sometime in October.

Nominations for next year's Senior Advisory Board are due by November 11.

Lisa advised that the Orion Historical Society will be partnering with the Library to update Orion's history.

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 AM

Submitted by George Sinnott