

Meeting Minutes

Senior Advisory board meeting, January 15, 2014

Elected Senior Advisors:

George Sinnott, George Hanley, Evelyn Doyle, Nancy Fischer (Absent), Bob Hazzard, Ed Ratzenberger, , David Mansfield, Dolores VoVillia, Glendon Smith, Elinor Smith, Bill Schramm, Mike Nebel

Other members: Mark Thurber, Ian Loche (Absent), Penny Schultz (Absent), Karen Knox,

Attending but not a member: Paul Knasinski

Meeting called to order shortly after 9 AM

Board members introduced themselves and welcomed new members Bill Schramm Mike Nebel and Elinor Smith

Election of officers

- Evelyn Doyle - Chairman
- George Hanley - Vice Chairman
- George Sinnott - Secretary

Lisa Sokol presented an overview of the programs including Constant Contact, she will contact Ross Ensign for assistance in setting up Constant Contact.

Bill Schramm suggested better communication of programs taking place at the Center. Lisa advised that the Township Board currently has a proposal for an electronic sign to be placed where the current outside sign is located. Lisa also stated that cable boxes will be installed on TV's located in the building that will allow scrolling of programs.

Mark Thurber suggested that program updates be included in signage located on NOTA busses. He will follow up with NOTA.

Two suggestions received in our suggestion boxes:

- We should install vending machines in the center, Lisa advised that Cranks will install two machines, one with water and pop and the second one with snacks.
- The second suggestion was that we develop a genealogy club, that is being investigated

George Sinnott suggested that we might be able to save money by having our own personnel trained on how to operate the heating and air conditioning system rather than calling in outside contractors every time changes need to be made. George Hanley asked whether the building operates on a single thermostat or whether individual rooms can be controlled to address comments where the library is cold and the exercise room is too warm. Evelyn will attempt to get Jeff Stout to our next meeting.

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George Sinnott presented accomplishments for 2013 and goals for 2014. Lisa followed up with several additional items that were accomplished for 2013.

Lisa talked about a new sponsorship program with Waste Management which included a Wildlife Prairie Area and the possibility for enhancement grants for our current property.

Bill Schramm made a motion which was seconded and approved that the Center should purchase Dumbbells, Rack and Bench for the exercise room with a cost not to exceed \$1500. George will work with Lisa to put together a specific recommendation with cost to be brought to the Township Board. Bill also suggested that Lisa work with the township attorney to put up signage that equipment could be used at your own risk.

George Hanley discussed the Friends of Orion Center, they will be sponsoring a Friends of Orion Center Luncheon on February 12th in an attempt to attract more members. George expressed the need for additional members and revenue for the 501(c)3. The Friends have:

- Assisted in the purchase of 3 TV sets and purchased pizza prior to the Christmas Light tour.
- Reviewed a program available through Krogers that allows members to sign up their Kroger rewards card at www.krogercommunityrewards.com so that cumulative spending by all members of Friends of the Orion Senior Center as a percent of spending by all participating organizations will generate a share of \$4 million in charitable funds made available by Kroger in 2014 to support various kinds of local organizations where their stores are located. There is no cost to the individual.

Mark Thurber will again head up the Township's involvement in the Lone Ranger Days which will include a parade, street fair, shooting contest, movies at Wildwood, TV radio show, bike and foot race, etc. He is looking for volunteers to assist.

Mark also discussed the use of credit cards at the Orion Center. Integration of the three disparate systems is proving more difficult than originally thought. He continues to work on linking the systems to provide easy use of cards.

Glenn mentioned that there is a mold smell in the ONTV men's room and was concerned about it permeating the building, I visited the facility with Ian Loche after our meeting and did not notice the smell.

Karen Knox presented the library programs - The "Strategic Plan" has been approved and the Library will focus on it's actions in 2014. A new "Library Link" has been mailed and computer classes will be offered for Facebook and Pinterest. A new library box has been placed in Children's park and people can exchange books. The Friends of the Library will have their annual Gala the last Saturday of April and the theme will be "Rome". Friends will also conduct a book sale to generate revenue for the Library.

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George will work with ONTV to set up another Senior Training session for those wanting to volunteer at ONTV.

Lisa expressed the need for more volunteers, especially "Meals of Wheels". She is also looking for volunteers to work with intergenerational programs including working with both the grade schools as well as high school.

The next meeting will be held at 9 AM at Orion Center on February 5th.