

MINUTES

CASCADES SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 22, 2015

Present: Pravin Gandhi, Bob Charnoff, Ray Ehrenbeck, Mary Ellen Bowers, Bill Pruitt, Yadu Mathur, Charlotte Nurge, Ruth Johnson, Olga Ricciardi.

Absent: Dorothy Coffman, Margo DeLong, Susan Louis, Sonja Shockey

Guests: Donna P. Cassani, Resident Services Director, Falcons Landing, Joan Ehrenbeck

The December 2014 meeting minutes were approved.

Manager's Report. Brenda Davis reported that Bob Charnoff attended the recent Town Hall conversation at the Center, and talked about the work of the Advisory Board. As a result, one Center member has sent in an application for board membership. The Advisory Board provided special prizes for this meeting which has increased attendance.

At a recent Fund Development Committee meeting, the committee endorsed Brenda's proposal to purchase Center T-shirts for members, pending the approval of the board. Brenda presented two designs for the board's review and the cost factor. T-shirts are 100% cotton. Cost is \$11.10 per shirt at 150 shirts = \$1,665. Brenda suggests at \$11.10 per shirt we may wish to charge \$15 per shirt. This project will be a fundraiser for the board. The board voted to approve the purchase of 150 shirts for \$1,665. The shirt front will say Cascades Senior Center—Where People Come Together, with a globe surrounded by people. The color will be a greenish-blue.

The Fund Development Committee recommended funding the Casino Night concept to the full board. Erik presented his concept for a special casino event with a Great Gatsby Theme—black tie, boas, Gatsby Roarin' Twenties music. The event would feature various gambling tables and slot machines. Attendees will receive casino "bucks" as a part of their ticket price. The cost from the casino company is \$1,995 to accommodate 150 attendees. They provide professionals to run the tables but need volunteers for blackjack. We may find volunteers from Best Buy or others. The band cost is \$150 for 3 hours. Erik also requests an additional \$500 for food, beverages, etc. Total is \$3,500. All revenue will go to the Advisory Board. It was suggested that the board will seek prizes. A discussion followed regarding the large outlay of funds. Brenda called Debra Williams to determine if all entry fees have to go to the county. If that is so, the board raised questions about the prudence of outlaying more than half of its funds with no significant return from entry fees. However, Debra advised that Debra Williams said the board may keep all entry fees. Erik said if we sell 150 tickets at \$20 the revenue would be \$3,000. With a quorum present, the motion was approved by a vote of 7 in favor to 2 abstaining. The event is scheduled for May 14, 2015.

Treasurer's report. Bob Charnoff reported that for the period Ending December 31, 2014, we have \$5,965.26. There were two expenditures in December; 1) a cash gift for a Center janitor and 2) \$196.09 for food at the New Year's Eve party. Once this check clears our balance will stand at \$6,460.67—our highest balance ever and marks the halfway point of our fiscal year.

Curio Cabinet. Ruth Johnson said we made more than \$500 in December. Since then, two Curio openings were canceled due to inclement weather. Next Curio Cabinet sales will be on Feb. 11. The cabinet in the lobby does very well, Ruth said, and she also requested more items for the Cabinet.

Communications: Pravin is working on improving the website.

Sunshine. Olga said that Ed McCarthy passed away. She hasn't heard about any others who are ill or in crisis. Brenda said to let Olga know when we hear of those in these circumstances.

New Business. Our guest Donna Cassani said that Falcons Landing has a brand new fitness center and pool and classes in which Cascades seniors are invited to participate. She will be in contact with us to set up a time when we might go to Falcons Landing for a tour. "Consider Falcons Landing a resource for the Cascades Senior Center," said Donna.

Carry -----wants to hold a recognition event to thank our volunteers here at the Center. The requested amount is \$550 to \$600. The Fund Development Committee will review this request which Brenda will scan and send it to the committee. Olga advised that FCCS will fund the band for the event.

Chair Gandhi adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Next meeting, February 26, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Bowers, Secretary