

Minutes

Senior Center at Cascades Advisory Board Meeting

May 28, 2015

Action items underlined

Present: Pravin Gandhi, Bob Charnoff, Charline Lareau, Dorothy Coffman, Bill Pruiett, Donna Cassani, Margo DeLong, Yadu Mathur, Olga Ricciardi, Brenda Davis, Mary Ellen Bowers

Absent: Ray Ehrenbeck, Ruth Johnson, Susan Louis, Susie McCarron, Sonja Shockey, and Charlotte Nurge.

Chair's Report: Pravin Gandhi spoke for the board when he said that Casino Night was a success. He suggested that, in the future, this event be separated from a fundraising event. Pravin said that Casino Night is a way to support the Center and thus is an opportunity to give back rather than a fundraising event. Pravin added that perhaps we can target outsiders for another kind of fundraising event. Pravin and the board thanked Brenda and her staff, especially Erik Onate, for their hard work.

Pravin, Bob Charnoff and the Center's assistant manger Judith Manglin, will meet with board member Donna Cassani at Falcon's Landing today to officially receive their generous gift. A photo will appear on our website. Pravin read a thank-you note from the knit and crochet group for our financial contribution that funded their supplies.

Manager's Report: Brenda Davis gave a debriefing of Casino Night, **which is attached**. Brenda led a discussion about tweaking the next Casino Night in order to attract more participation. Some ideas included lowering the ticket price; simplifying how raffle tickets are purchased at the event; considering the transportation factor, changing the time from 5-8 p.m. to 6-9 p.m. and perhaps from May to April. Brenda will draft a thank-you note to send to donors who supplied gift certificates for Casino Night.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Charnoff reported that Casino Night netted out at a loss of approximately \$620 at this time, with final figures available in June. We sold approximately 85 tickets. Center members paid \$20 and non-members paid \$25. While we estimated higher ticket sales, at least 100, the event should be considered a big success in terms of the good time had by all and the favorable publicity it generated. As of May 25, 2015 we have a checking account balance of \$7,012.16.

Sunshine: Olga Ricciardi reported that she sent two cards: One to Harrison Hawthorne's widow upon his death and one to the family of Nirmala Datta upon her death.

New Business: Mary Ellen suggested, and all agreed, that the board will write a letter to Steve Torpy, Director, Loudoun County Parks, Recreation & Community Services, Dr. Lynn Reid, Division Manager, Area Agency on Aging and Debra Williams, Manager, Senior Services advising them of the success of our inaugural Casino Night and especially of the tremendous work of Brenda Davis and her staff that made this a very special event. The letter will highlight the ongoing respect, and mutual support of the Senior Center staff and the Advisory Board that combines to serve the Center's members more successfully each day.

September Advisory Board Retreat: The board set Thursday, September 10, 10 a.m.—2 p.m. for its annual retreat. General topics are usually in these three areas: Fundraising, Programming, and Community Relations. Charline suggested Brenda assess the opinions of her staff to learn what programs we might consider funding. At our June meeting, the board will continue its discussion of the retreat agenda.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 25, 2015, 10:00 a.m.

December 3, 2015, combined November-December meeting.

Chair Pravin Gandhi adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.