

Senior Advisory Minutes

March 16, 2021

Village of Sussex, WI

1. Meeting called to order 4:00 p.m. by Waltz

2. Members Present: Zoellick, Waltz, and R. Johnson, S. Johnson, skyped into the meeting.

Members Absent: new member Vojtas, Moe and Rude

Also present: Jean Horner, Senior Program Coordinator, Halie Dobbeck, Sussex Park and Recreation Director, Jeremy Smith, Village Manager, Sam Liebert, Administrative Services Director

3. Introduction of a new committee member.

Karen Vojtas was not present.

4. Citizen Comments: None

5. Discussion and Possible Action on minutes of July 21, 2020

Motion to accept by Zoellick, 2nd by R. Johnson, passed.

6. Discussion and possible action on formation of a committee to explore the possibility of a senior scholarship program.

Horner would like to form a committee with the help of a volunteer from this committee to meet with Halie Dobbeck our Recreation Director, and myself to discuss how to best proceed with a senior scholarship program. The Village currently has a scholarship program that is for 17 and under. Other discussion items would include would there be an income requirement and what programming would it encompass within our civic rec program.. Decisions will also be made to consider a future discussion and possible action of what amount of money we would ask for from this committee. Discussion about joining fundraising efforts currently in progress for kid scholarship program or

new scholarship fundraising initiatives. Roger and Shirley Johnson volunteered to join this initiative with Horner.

7. Discussion and possible action on Senior Summer Concert donation for entertainment cost from the Senior Trust Fund.

Horner reported that due to the interruption of our Senior Nutrition Program, we have chosen to replace our annual summer picnic with an afternoon concert for 2021. We have hired a 5-6 piece band “Depot Express” to entertain at a higher cost than a usual senior entertainer for the fee of \$650. Would the Senior Advisory Board consider donating a portion not covered by senior sponsorship? Horner also provided information regarding the amount in the trust fund currently. R. Johnson made a motion to support the band cost with a \$400 donation from the trust fund, Waltz 2nd, passed.

8. Update on Rockathon

Horner reported that Rockathon will be held for 2021 as an outdoor event only. We hired a band “A Little bit of Heaven Band” – a 5 piece band, which has performed for us in the past. Special precautions will be taken to ensure safety for those willing to volunteer or attend the event. Precautions include: extra spacing and more tables for serving and seating, individual portion packets of condiments and utensils, placemats used, hand sanitizers, masks based on state guidelines at that time, and no baked goods donated. We are currently looking for new sponsors for this event.

9. Senior Coordinator Report – Horner reporting

- The Oktoberfest event was a great event, and despite low registration (45) it was appreciated and enjoyed by many. The weather cooperated and the entertainer was a great addition to the mood of the day. Rumors provided the meal and we appreciate that they were able to provide a nice quality meal for \$7 cost.
- Holiday Swag was a great event! We received a lot of very positive feedback about the drive up event and the giveaway holiday bags. We purchased 92 swags. A very big “Thank You” to Shorewest volunteers and donations of socks, Meijer for their amazing \$400 gift

card donation, VOWS for their monetary donation toward the gift bags and our usual sponsors including Seniors Helping Seniors, Waukesha State Bank, Compassionate Clean, DK Sales, BMO Bank, Eye Care Specialists, and the Senior Advisory Board who help make this possible.

- “Covid Fever” Drive Up dinner party was held January 27. 55 Seniors participated in the event, and we received very much positive feedback both from our survey and personal notes. The Optimists donated their time to make the chili and also serve. Sponsors included the Advisory Board and Meijer. People seemed to enjoy the activities that were sent home.
- Woodside 4th Grade Girl Scout Troop 10319 has been very busy providing treat bags to our senior regular congregate and home delivered diners during this unprecedented time. The bags have been very much appreciated and I have received MANY personal notes of thanks that I have passed onto the girls and their parents. The Student Government of the Hamilton Intermediate School contacted us about supporting our seniors in some way.
- “Breakout Dinner Party” – April 13. 25 are seniors signed up today and flyers are going out this week. Jean is working on community activities for the seniors enjoyment during this confinement. We had some great door prizes donated by Meijer and by “Eberts Greenhouse Village” for those who participate in the event and the activities.
- We will be resuming in person meetings for Card players, Book Club and the Happy Hookers beginning in May. There will be some precautions based on CDC requirements and also we will ask for seniors to sign in as well so we are aware of numbers in our building.

10. Directors Report

Dobbeck reported that Waukesha County will not be resuming Congregate dining until possibly September. She also reported that our new Easter Event – The Egg Drop and Story Walk is currently sold out and will be held this Saturday, March 20, in Village Park with the help of the Sussex Fire Department.

11. Village Administrators Report

Smith reported the following.

- Kwik Trip is open at 164 and Lisbon Road
- Mexican and Italian restaurants are slated to open in the future at the Corners at Mammoth Springs at Main and SilverSpring.
- The Courtyard at Sussex, Senior Living complex is underway at the Hickory and SilverSpring.
- The village is currently in discussions with 2 other senior organizations regarding future building here in Sussex.
- 2020 Census figures will be available in July

12. Topics for future Agendas

13. Adjournment

Motion made by Zoellick, 2nd by R. Johnson, passed

Next meeting will be held, Tuesday, May 18 @ 4:00 p.m.

