

Senior Advisory Minutes

May 18, 2021

Village of Sussex, WI

1. Meeting called to order 4:01 p.m. by Waltz

2. Members Present: Zoellick, Waltz, R. Johnson, S. Johnson and Moe

Members Absent: new member Vojtas

Also present: Jean Horner, Senior Program Coordinator, Halie Dobbeck, Sussex Park and Rec 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 March 16, 2021

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

6. Update on Rockathon

Horner reported that Rockathon will be held for 2021 as an outdoor event only. We are anxiously watching the weather and hoping we get a dry day for this event. We have volunteers committed to helping us on Monday to prep food, and also many volunteers and rockers already signed up for Tuesday. We received a \$500 gift card from Meijer that we will use to purchase supplies and food for the event. We currently have 4 monetary sponsors, the Optimist club and Senior Advisory Board that have stepped up to support our event. (Waukesha State Bank, Compassionate Clean, Grace Commons, Meijer) We will be serving grilled lunches and individual condiments, as well as slices of pie for the event. We do have rocking and concession help slots available if you would like to spread the word.

7. Update and Discussion of Senior Scholarship Committee

Progress

Horner reported that the following items were discussed at our committee meeting

- The reasoning for creating a scholarship for seniors and a suggestion was made to create some type of Mission Statement to express the committees reasoning including the need for health and wellness as well as mental/emotional concerns due to isolation.

- Create categories for disbursement such as Nutrition, Fitness and Socialization. Subcategories could include: Nutrition: Dinner parties, nutrition speakers Fitness: fitness classes or speakers Socialization: Trips, adult enrichment
- Suggestions for qualifications and allocation: gift an amount, pay a portion, pay for an entire class, eligibility requirements. Family cap? Residents/Non Residents? Cap per person or family? Suggestion that we would follow the same guidelines as the Waukesha County Nutrition program follows.
- Fundraising ideas to replenish scholarship dispersals. Rockathon, Donations, Memorials/Estate Planning ideas advertised in our Activity guide, Silent auction at our dinner parties/raffle items/theme baskets, Pickleball tournament, work with the existing scholarship committee possibly through 5K for a more senior presence.

The Senior Advisory Committee had some discussion about these points and agreed that a resident only scholarship would be appropriate. Dobbeck suggested that a set amount of funds could be put aside by the board to fund this initiative yearly. Committee also agreed to have the Scholarship committee draw up guidelines for the program and bring back to the committee at our September meeting to vote on.

8. Update Senior Programming and Waukesha Nutrition Sussex Site.

Horner reported that Waukesha County Nutrition will be resuming hot meal deliveries for Meals on Wheels beginning June 1. We have been very pleased at the excitement and participation of the card players and the hookers and they have been very cooperative with our new procedures to check in. Book Club met yesterday with many smiles as well. We have 2 trips planned with Menomonee Falls. July 15 – Lake Geneva Boat Trip and August 4 – Brewer Game

9. Senior Coordinator Report –

Horner reported the following:

- “Breakout Dinner Party” – April 13. 65 seniors participated and we heard many nice comments about the activity we prepared to learn about the history of the village. Fred Keller was very helpful to Jean for this effort. 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 have been doing surveys that are generally favorable and most seniors much appreciate the events, however we are working on providing the best meal possible within our power to do so safely. Thank you to Optimists help and Meijer.
- We were lucky to have a 2nd grade communicant from St. James that chose our senior meal participants for her community service project. She made Happy May greeting cards and treat bags that were distributed to our Meals on Wheels and card player seniors. I was contacted by the county to thank us as well, and we will be posting on Facebook.
- Green Thumb – we are getting close to capacity on our Green Thumb event on June 9. We are currently taking 85 participants this year, and 25 will be drive up participants.

BMO Harris bank is supporting this event completely and will provide all volunteers as well.

- We are busy working on sponsorship for our Senior Concert on July 15 in Village Park. Band is booked and we already have some senior business ready to provide refreshments to concert goers.
- Jean continues to sit on the State Wide Committee for Social Isolation and Loneliness as a representative from WASC. Many groups are working together to come up with solutions to help alleviate this very prevalent issue for many seniors which can cause physical and emotional issues. AARP, GWARR, WASC, DHS and others. We are hoping that we can create awareness and help senior programming deal with these issues though new programming ideas, grants and access to technology.

10. Directors Report

Dobbeck reported the following:

- Prides Park Community Meeting tonight to discuss the upcoming improvements to the park which will include an adult and senior walking trail.
- Friday, May 28 the Splash Pad will open
- Cruise Night will be held on Thursday, June 17. Due to much positive feedback the cruise will be similar in length to last years expanded cruise and will culminate at the Civic Center. SAS will provide concessions, Optimists will provide dessert and popcorn.
- 5K event will include a children's Fun Run this year
- Fourth of July will encourage family groups and social distance. No games will be provided, but celebration will be held at the Grove where there is a splash pad and a playground.

11. Village Administrators Report

Smith reported the following.

- Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins to open soon next door to Taco Bell on 164.
- Adron construction which is a high quality wire manufacturer coming to the village business park.
- Brown Farm on Hwy K recently annexed and being rezoned for light industrial.
- Labor Day Opening for the new restaurants at Silver Spring and Main, Mammoth Lofts development
- Courtyard at Sussex Senior development on Hickory is moving along quickly

- Vista Run ground breaking was held this week and will include some senior housing as well.
- Census information including senior statistics will be available after Labor Day.
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12. Topics for future Agendas

- Senior Scholarship vote
- We will not meet in July 2021.

13. Adjournment

Motion made by Zoellick, 2nd by Moe, passed

Next meeting will be held, Tuesday, September 21, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.