



SALINE AREA SENIOR COUNCIL, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 18, 2024

Meeting called to order and began at 9:04 am.

Roll Call: Vice President Ruth Frayer; Secretary, Eva Benevento; Treasurer, Mark Sockness; Member at Large, Sue Kelch;; Director, Nancy Cowan City of Seline, Jack Ceo

Absence: President, Cindy Sobotta; Community Ed Director, Brian Puffer

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Read and unanimously accepted.

Note: correction of spelling of King-Scott (typo error)

Treasurer's Report:

- Review of current financial statement
- A question of what would be a standard balance for Non-profits to carry. Nancy responded that upon her inquiry, there is no standard because of the wide differences in the purpose and function of such organizations. The balance is carried to keep a cushion for operation in case of major changes that would require funds.
- A part of the \$897,098 currently held is designated to be used for some of the new expansion needs not covered by the bond funds.
- Report unanimously accepted

Director's Report:

- Some recent and upcoming activities:
 - Veterans' Day Event: approximately 30 veterans were recognized and 48 people in attendance
 - Craft Show: large attendance; approximately 200 raffle tickets were sold; SASC facility was used for food service with clean-up and received about \$2000 from the Craft Show for use of the space, set-up, and clean-up.
 - Bag & Jewelry Sale: approximately \$2000 of revenue from sales
 - Builders Club serviced the exterior fall leaf clean-up
 - Upcoming trip: Toledo Zoo in concert with Pittsfield Senior Center
 - Upcoming performance: Nutcracker Ballet
 - Holiday Event: Middle School Fiddling group has been contacted to perform. It is hoped they will be able to do so.
- Bond Update:
 - Clark Construction Co. is the general contractor and Kingscott is the architectural firm for the expansion project.
 - SASC leases the space it uses from the school district. Therefore, it is suggested that there is a need for a written agreement from the district to assure use of space over a specified time, especially in light of the SASC supplying some of the upgrades.

- o Ruth Frayer raised a question about building maintenance. Nancy Cowan acknowledged that with future expansion, there needs to be a firm agreement in place for that aspect - there is grey area currently. SASC pays a contracted employee to clean the space 3 times per week. It would be beneficial to have a custodian clean the space in the future possibly if we had more of CARES and could contribute to that cost to make that possible.
- o Updated drawings/images have been requested.
- o Much discussion ensued over the “Cuts from SASC Project per Clark Budget Tracking Sheet.” Some issues are essential to keep, primarily for the safety of seniors, but also for better aesthetics (flooring, kitchen, countertops, etc.). Some issues are cosmetic, for example, exposed ceilings with acoustic baffles. A few issues had to deal with the exterior arbor including tree and vine removal, center pillars removed, addition of aluminum pergola, essentially to make it usable space.
- o The project is designed to take place in two phases to be completed in 2026.
- o A separate budget for furnishings has not been determined or finalized.
- o Two motions have been made to address the discrepancy of the proposed funds and the actual allocations.
 - Motion to send a letter to the Saline School Board within 10 days to itemize the timeline of events regarding the project and the disappointment in what appears to be a large discrepancy with what was originally described and the current project details.
Motion unanimously agreed and accepted.
 - Motion to give Nancy Cowan authority to advance SASC funds to address the areas where funds have been cut in the Clark report.
Motion unanimously agreed and accepted.

Motion to adjourn: 10:44 am, unanimously accepted.

Respectfully submitted,
Eva Benevento, Secretary