

The Sheboygan Senior Activity Center Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Cher Pao Vang at 8:08 A.M. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Ald. Julie Kath, Cher Pao Vang, Mary Nowacki, Pat Weisrock, Ald. Marilyn Montemayor, Greg Robinson, Carl Riggotti, Pat Henderson and Wendy Schmitz.

Excused: Richard Manny and Don Guske

Minutes were approved as written.

Communications: Wendy sent a letter to the Council regarding what the Friends are doing. A letter to the editor of the Press was read. Cher Poa questioned what is the one thing the SSAC is known for? One answer was helping seniors keep good health. Other answers were keeping seniors engaged in their community, helping them stay active in their homes and independent. They need socialization to do this. SSAC also promotes good mental health. The keys things we are know for are promoting Independence, good Health and Social Structure.

Old Business: As per the Alliant audit 171 light balasts in the building need to be replaced at a cost of more than was expected. It was suggested that maybe Don Guske could assess which lights need to be done first, for example the hallways and then the rooms used the most. We will look for volunteers to help with this. The labor costs are the most expensive. The project will be done over a 2-3 year period. There was discussion on long and short term fixes for building problems and the tight budget. We will need two new members on the Commission because Greg and Carl's terms are over. Two people were reccommended to replace them. These names will be referred to the mayor.

New Business: The SSAC was nominated by the Chamber of Commerce for the non-profit organization of the year. Also, Evelyn Prefvenas was nominated as volunteer of the year.

Wendy's report was presented with one addition. The Friends are going to hire a part-time developement director. It was moved to accept Wendy's report.

Mark Miller from the Friends Board has stated that it's important to note that the seniors themselves are involved in fund raising and running money making events. Their motto is "every penny counts."

Wendy praised the staff for being very frugal and stretching the budget.

The hours put in by the volunteers and the amount of money it would have cost equals \$85,000 they have saved us all. The Sr. Activity Center gives the city the best bang for its buck!

The next Commission meeting will be held on Thurs., March 17th, St Patrick's Day, at 8:00 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Weisrock, Secretary.