

Senior Advisory Board Meeting February 22, 2022
Senior Center Ceramics Room 4620 Seneca St. West Seneca, NY 14224

Attendance:

Present- Amy Brotka, Georgiann Busse, Anne Reukoff, Marilyn Stephens, Jeff Piekarec, Jenifer Stanek

Excused Absent - Donna Duchene

Called to Order 6:35PM

- I. Approved the December meeting minutes
- II. Jenifer Stanek and Georgi Busse shared the increase in membership as a result of the January 9, 2022 Open House. The plan is to hold an Open House in June, Fall, and January annually.
- II. Jenifer Stanek shared the addition of Fitness Center hours Monday-Friday 9:00AM-3:00PM and Saturday 9:00AM-11:00AM.
- III. Jenifer Stanek shared the details of the 2022 CDBG grant that is an extension of the prior year's award. The grant was written to include a wheelchair van, outdoor pickleball courts, additional fitness equipment, golf simulator, and interior furniture.
- IV. Jenifer Stanek shared the purchases made with the 2021 CDBG grant: new wheelchair van, signage, fitness equipment – to be delivered this Spring, miscellaneous needs (carts, whiteboards, etc.).
- V. Jeff Piekarec shared the idea of planning for equipment replacement on a multi-year basis. This is to include smaller purchases than what are made with, for example, grants. Purchases like office equipment that are generally not included in grant requests such as office, fitness, kitchen equipment, tables, chairs, etc.
- VI. Amy Brotka discussed ideas for presenting "TED Talk" type series for members. These topics would be focused on learning opportunities that perhaps we could survey for areas of interest. Discussion moved to topics of interest that seniors have expressed especially technology. We will work toward setting this up starting in April.
- VII. Amy Brotka discussed the AgeLab through MIT. This program is focused on research on topics that surround aging seniors. Opportunities for Multigenerational Exchange Growth and Action (OMEGA) connects high school students and seniors. We can connect and collaborate/participate as a Senior Center. This is a more formal collaboration with the High Schools than the volunteering opportunities we have with students needing hours. Anne Reukoff suggested she speak with Joe Cantafio, President of Teachers Union (West Seneca West) about the opportunity and maybe invite him to our next meeting.
- VIII. Jenifer Stanek shared the upcoming calendar: Mardi Gras Lunch Dance, St. Patrick's Day, Dinner and a Movie (March, April, May), Easter Lunch, Welcome Spring Dinner Dance, Crash Cadillac, Yard Sale, The Hastings, The Nitetones, Suare Dance,

Halloween Party.

IX. Suggested to meet 1st Tuesday of the month every other month starting April 5, 2022 at 6:30pm. All meetings are held at the Senior Center in the Ceramics Room.

X. Public Comment (no public present)

XI. Amy motioned to adjourn. Marilyn seconded. Adjourned 4-0. 7:55 PM.

Minutes prepared by Jenifer Stanek. Acting Secretary for this meeting.