

STEPHENVILLE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

ADVISORY BOARD

AUGUST 10, 2021, MEETING MINUTES

- I. Because of Chairman Mike Martin having moved away from Stephenville and Vice-Chairperson Judith Meador having submitted her resignation due to health reasons, Secretary Joanna Lay called the meeting of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board to order at 1:04 p.m. Tuesday, August 10, 2021. Meeting was held in the annex room of the Stephenville Senior Citizens Center with returning members Joanna Lay, Jan Smith, Marlene Dupas and Sheryl Wells as well as new members Elizabeth Johnson and Donna Wesson present. Staff members present were C. V. Black, Kara Dragman and Sandy Morgan. One visitor, Debbie Watson, attended. Each person was given the opportunity to introduce themselves.
- II. The minutes of the May 18, 2021 meeting were approved as written.
- III. Initiation of New Members: The two new members were welcomed to the board.
- IV. Election of Officers: The floor was opened for nomination of new officers. Sheryl Wells nominated Jan Smith for Chairperson; Marlene Dupas made the second. Marlene Dupas nominated Sheryl Wells as Vice-Chairperson with Jan Smith seconding. Sheryl Wells nominated Donna Wesson for Secretary with Elizabeth Johnson making the second. Nominations ceased and the chair called for the vote. All were unanimously elected and immediately took up their new duties.
- V. Financial Report: Ms. Morgan reviewed monthly financial reports for May, June, and July 2021. Ms. Morgan reported the rentals and donations are increasing. Ms. Watson informed the board about donations received: furniture, bingo prizes, toiletries, and money. Cherisa Black, Superintendent for Parks and Recreation, is creating “donor packets” that will be accessible through email, mail outs, etc. Recently a \$500 donation has been received from Knights of Columbus.

Chairperson Jan Smith suggested posting donations on Erath Helping Neighbors Facebook page. Sheryl Wells asked about restaurant donations. Cherisa Black explained that restaurant donations are limited due to COVID. She went on to recommend approaching the Lions Club, Saint Gobain, 377 Arena, Prime or Schreiber.

Ms. Morgan asked Debbie Watson to talk about “The Friends of the Senior Center.” Debbie’s vision for “The Friends of the Senior Center” is to publicize

the center's programming in the hopes of increasing participation. She has visited with Kelli Votypka, Parks & Leisure Director, about her idea and is in the process of creating a mission statement and purpose for this new group. In this area, volunteers for the Center were discussed and suggestions for greeters to be on hand to make new visitors feel welcome.

- VI. Activity Report: Ms. Morgan informed the board about the new Aeroptic Garden Towers, how they work and what to plant. She discussed the increased participation of the congregate meal program, changes to the newsletter and calendar, the growth in participation of new and formal programs: yoga, Zumba Gold, low-impact exercise, quilting class and art class. New programs to come are a drawing class with Donna Wesson and a possible night class for Zumba. Ms., Morgan also informed the board about the cancellation of programs, Alzheimer's Presentation and AARP Driver Safety Course due to COVID concerns.

Board member Sheryl Wells expressed her excitement concerning the updates and improved calendar found on the Stephenville Senior Citizens Facebook page. Upcoming is the possibility of adding color to the newsletter to make it more appealing.

Board member Elizabeth Johnson wanted an update on the Kiln and Pottery Classes. Ms. Morgan noted she is in the process of getting the kiln serviced for it has not been used in twenty years. Once the kiln has been serviced, the pottery classes will be scheduled. She remarked supplies for the pottery class will be paid for by the North Central Texas Area Agency on Aging grant.

Ms. Morgan reported the Dublin Senior Center has closed and several ladies from Dublin have been coming here.

- VII. Board Comments: New member Donna Wesson informed the group she would be unable to serve due to the timing of the meetings. Elizabeth Johnson was then elected Board Secretary.

A motion was made for the Senior Advisory Board to meet monthly for the rest of the year. The next meeting will be September 14, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

- VIII. Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.