

**BENZIE SENIOR RESOURCES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
July 19, 2017**

Chair Beverly Holbrook called the meeting to order at 4:35pm. Prayer of invocation was given by Ned, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

**Roll Call:** Ned Edwards, Beverly Holbrook, Rosemary Russell, Denise Favreau, Ron Dykstra, Jane Elzerman, Donna Malecki, Barbara Johnson, Scott Harrison, Kate Withington-Edwards, Nancy Mullen Call. Ann Dawe is absent and excused.

Also present are: Douglas Durand, Sabra Boyle, Bob Roeloffs County commissioner, Thomas Edwards and Caleb Russell

### **Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda with one addition under new business to add A. Senior Empower Day was made by Denise and seconded by Kate. All Ayes. Motion carried.

### **Minutes**

A correction was made to the June 21 minutes from Barbara Under information B point 4 it should say congressional leaders not congregational leaders.

Closed minutes were handed out and reviewed by the board, no questions or comments were made and minutes were handed back to Bev from the board.

A motion to approve the Minutes from June 2017 meeting with the above correction and the minutes from the closed session was made by Ned, and seconded by Scott. All ayes being heard the minutes were accepted and approved. Closed session minutes will be kept for one year and one day.

### **Public Input**

- No public input
- The suggestion box was empty.

### **Finance Committee**

Jane gave highlights of the finance meeting from today. A motion to approve the BSR financial report was given by Donna and seconded by Rosemary. All Ayes being heard the motion was carried.

### **Information Items**

#### A. Directors Report

- A Report was given to the board for review no questions.
- Highlights included
  - Presentation to the Benzie County Chamber of Commerce and two of their board members were singing praises.

- Benzie County Chamber of Commerce has voted unanimously to support the millage
- Doug spoke about two clients that received financial assistance through the Senior Essential Needs Fund. The funds used will significantly improve their quality of life.

**B. Program/ Services report**

- Report was provided to the board and there were no questions.
- It was noted that Home Delivered meals provided 4,853 meals last month.

**C. Senior Center Update**

- Report was given no questions or comments were made.

**D. Board of Commissioner Report presented by Bob Roeloffs**

- Bob stated that the budget is still in process
- Veteran Community Park is continuing to sell paving bricks.
- Veterans park will hold an open house with a picnic on August 13,2017

**Action Items: No new action items**

**New Business:**

**A. Senior Empower Day will be held at Little River on September 21, 2017 cost is \$10.00**

Fliers are available Topics this year include:

- a. Medicare/ Medicaid
- b. Scams
- c. Volunteer work

Lunch will be provided.

According to Bev it is well worth the money and she is going as is Doug..

**Old Business**

1. Presentations: Board members did a great job with the presentations. Sabra updated the board and said that all places that had a presentation have been added to the email list and mailing list. Doug and the Board would like for these presentations to become an annual event.
2. Fundraising/Marketing Committee
  - Reviewed by Nancy, Barbara and Ned. Kudos given to the entire fundraising committee for working so hard on the Walkathon. According to Ned, money continues to roll in and supporters continue to send in pledges. Mary Dykstra is on vacation for now so please send any supporter information to Dawn B. in the office. They need to be added to our contributor list.
  - Barbara will follow up with Randy Gilbert's list.
  - August 5th (walkathon) is gearing up and it is going good; however, Barbara states that getting teams together is a challenge due to summer. She says that we will have walkers and it should be a good day.
  - Most yard signs are already out, there are a few of them left so anyone who needs them please get them prior to leaving today, but remember where you put them so

- we can return them and reuse them for next year.
- The paper is juggling our 5 millage articles written to promote BSR. We are hoping to get them all in prior to the vote but we are running out of time.

### **Public Comment**

No public comment at this time

### **Round Table**

Kate stated that Jim Ryan was trying to get 2 bikes that will allow seniors in wheelchairs to ride on the trail. She is excited about it and would like everyone to be supportive with this process.

Ron D stated he has written letters to both members of congress addressing the adverse effects related to Medicaid cuts for our seniors and our local community. He has yet to get a response.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Bev and Seconded by Denise. Meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemary Russell, RNC, CDONA, LTC  
BSR Secretary

Next BSR Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, August 16th, 2017 @ 4:30 pm  
The Gathering Place  
Honor, Michigan 49640