

**BENZIE SENIOR RESOURCES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
May 16, 2018**

Chair Beverly Holbrook called the meeting to order at **4:30** pm. Prayer of invocation was given by Ron, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Roll Call: Beverly Holbrook, Ned Edwards, Barbara Johnson, Ron Dykstra, Denise Favreau, Nancy Mullen-Call, Rosemary Russell, Donna Malecki Absent and excused Scott Harrison, Jane Elzerman, and Shirley Robert. Anne Dawe in at 435pm. Also present are Douglas Durand, and County Commissioner Roger Griner.

**Approval of Agenda**

- Motion to approve the agenda with additions was made by Ron and seconded by Denise Ayes being heard, the motion to approve the agenda was made.

**Minutes**

- A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Donna and seconded by Rosemary All ayes being heard, the motion was carried to approve the previous minutes was carried.

**Public Input-**

No public input and

The suggestion box was empty, a new key and lock are now on the suggestion box

**Finance Committee**

The committee did not have a meeting today. Doug submitted a statement of financial income and expense to the board. A question was raised by Nancy regarding private pay being down was it a concern. Doug addressed this and stated that the increase in sliding scale is offsetting the decrease and that we are on target with the budget. A motion to accept the finance committee report was made by Donna and Seconded by Rosemary all Ayes being heard the motion was carried.

**Information Item**

A. Directors Report: April/ May 2018

1. A copy was submitted by Douglas Durand and received by the board.
2. Highlights include:
  - a. Doug submitted to the Board of Commissioners for approval and signature for Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians 2% grant for a HDM replacement vehicle. We have a vehicle with over 168,000 miles. We will find out in July if the grant was approved.
  - b. The State of Michigan has requested updated policy and procedures for what happens if our kitchen is not available, how we meet the needs of our seniors. We have arranged with grow Benzie to use their kitchen. There are several other kitchens in our community to assist with this. Doug, Jeff and Dave are working to get these policies updated and off to Lansing.

**B. Program Services report for March**

1. A program services report was submitted and all services and activities are up for the month.

**C. Senior Center Coordinator's Report for March and April 2018**

1. A senior center report was submitted to the board by Doug and activities are well attended.
2. Our trip to Niagara Falls went well and 41 seniors just returned a great time was had by all.
3. Next trip will be the 1st week in November to Branson.

**D. Board of Commissioners Update presented by Roger Griner**

1. Marijuana legislation will be on the ballot in November so commissioners have until June to come up with something. Roger is concerned about this, as he has done some investigation into how Colorado has handled this and does not want us to make the same mistakes they did.
2. Rail Study Trains-This is coming in the future; it is a train line that will encompass 5 college areas Ann Arbor, Alma, Mt. Pleasant, Traverse City and Ypsilanti. This will get people traveling into town and not have to worry about having cars and encourage mass transit.
3. Line 5, there is some talk if line 5 is shut down it will not be replaced.
4. Bear population increasing due to salmon in our streams.

**Action Items**

No action items today.

**New Business**

- A. Benzie Senior expo flyers were handed out and ask for distribution.
- B. Board of Directors membership directory was handed out by Doug.
- C. Senior Needs assessment.
  - a. We are part of the 10 county survey as well as having our own surveys as Benzie county percent of elders continues to grow and we want to know how to best serve our community in the future.
  - b. Our survey and statistical reports will include both of the surveys and will provide direction for how we move forward to meet the needs of our seniors. This will cost somewhere between \$ 8-10,000 +/-5%. Doug is submitting to the county to use the Benzie County Commission on Aging Reserve funds for the cost of the survey.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Fundraising Ned gave information regarding last meeting.
  1. Walk a Thon Meeting see below.
  2. Signup sheets for WAT presentations to Doug.
  3. Facebook 1100 hits for the month
  4. Garden Theater banners
  5. Combining year-end appeal letters to those who have donated over the last 3 years and keeping the rest in an inactive file to save on costs.

**B. MERS Update**

1. Chris Cook the attorney sent Christian Beehler an email regarding past events that occurred prior to COA being changed from Commission on Aging. Negotiations continue.
2. In the meantime positive responses from employees regarding the new Retirement Savings 401k Plan that will be effective June 1, 2018.

**C. Walk a Thon Update**

1. Waiting to see proofs from Bayside Printing. Signs will be handed out at the board meeting in June.
2. The Paper Shoe Campaign will be \$1 and \$5 dollars this year.
3. Providing a T-shirt for the participants in the Walk-a-Thon Event this year.
4. Doug collected sign ups from board members list of connections to increase participation with the walk a thon.
5. The goal is to have up to 8 new churches to either have teams and/or sell the paper shoes

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Roger Griner gave information that Representative Bergman will be at Vets Memorial on Saturday at 4:00 pm

**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**

No round table discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemary Russell, RN  
Board Secretary

Next Meeting  
Wednesday, June 20,, 2018  
Benzie Senior Resources  
The Gathering Place  
Honor, Michigan 49640