

BENZIE SENIOR RESOURCES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 19, 2019

Chair Beverly Holbrook called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. Prayer of invocation was given by Ron Dykstra, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Roll Call: Nancy Mullen-Call, Anne Dawe, Ron Dykstra, Jane Elzerman, Beverly Holbrook, Al Amstutz, Barbara Johnson, Deborah Rogers and Denise Favreau. Excused: Rosemary Russell. Also, present: Douglas Durand, Sabra Boyle and County Commissioner Sherry Taylor.

Approval of Agenda: Additions to the agenda are under Action Items (2) board Resolution to refinance The Gathering Place loan. New Business (3) New board application. Motion by Denise, supported by Barb to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from the May 15, 2019 meeting: Correction in Roll Call: Barb Johnson was listed as present, she was excused. Also, Ron Dykstra's name was listed twice. Motion by Barb, supported by Jane to approve the minutes of May 15, 2019 as amended. All ayes, motion carried.

Suggestion Box Contents: Empty

Public Input: None

Finance Committee Report for May 2019: A statement of financial Income and expense was submitted to the board. A review of the financials was given by Doug to the board members. A motion by Nancy, supported by Barb to approve the financial report for May 2019. All ayes, motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- A. **Directors Report:** The report was submitted to the board. Doug reports and thanks Ron for being the official greeter at the Senior Expo. He also reports there were 28 vendors, and approximately 88-95 attendees (down from 115 last year). Also, the 100th application for the Benzie Senior Dental Program was given; the program has resulted in 249 appointments set.
- B. **Program/Services Report:** Home Delivered Meals-4,649 meals were provided to 139 clients, YTD 1% increase compared to 2018 and 20.6% compared to 2017. Congregate Meals-1,879 meals in May 2019, YTD 13.5% reduction compared to 2018. Homemaker Program-350 units provided to 114 clients; down 8% compared to 2018 and up 3% compared to 2017. Lawn Chore-85 mows provided, up 112% compared to 2018. Benzie Bus Punch Card-186 bus passes issued, representing 2,232 riders. YTD up 4.3% as

compared to 2018 and up 22.5% in 2017. MMAPS-twelve clients were helped. Hearing Clinic-Five clients were seen in May 2019. We have lost this service due to staffing issues at Advanced Hearing. Senior Companion Program-Seven clients are benefiting. Foot Care-38 were provided care at the clinics and five clients were seen in their homes. Benzie Senior Dental Program-Six clients received financial assistance. Emergency Senior Essential Needs Fund-One individual received financial assistance. In total 5 non-profits assisted in paying off back utility bills. The Gathering Place Senior Center-offered 21 core activities and one special event that 626 cumulative number of individuals participated in. YTD is a decrease of 12.8% compared to FY 2018 and even with FY 2017. In-Home Services-Up 10.8% compared to May 2018. The largest increase occurring in sliding scale fee clients up 21%. Total number of in-home care service hours increased 8.1% compared to 2018.

- C. **Senior Center Update report** for May 2019/June 2019 was submitted to the board. Very busy!
- D. **Board of Commissioners Update presented by Sherry Taylor:** (1) Rebecca from the DNR office has been hired for the Emergency Manager Position vacated by Frank Post. (2) the commissioners attended a summit in Frankenmuth regarding funding for the Public Defender program. Currently, the state of Michigan pays 80%, and Benzie County pays 20%. Next year the County will pay 100% but will get reimbursed. (3) The parking lot at the Court House building was paved. The sidewalk was moved forward about 5ft to make it easier for cars to back up and not be hit.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Mortgage for The Gathering Place: After some discussion, motion was made by Beverly, supported by Al to approve to hold onto the \$13,000 Money Market account and decide what to do with the money at a future date instead of paying the money on the loan. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Motion by Jane, supported by Denise for a board resolution to authorize Douglas Durand to re-finance the Commercial Real Estate Loan on The Gathering place and List the authorized signatories for the Commercial Real Estate Loan, in the past Douglas Durand and Sabra Boyle. All ayes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board Members assistance with the Frankfort & Beulah 4th of July Parades: Nancy, Ann, Jane, Deborah and Ron.
2. Future Personnel Committee Meeting: Items to discuss-ETO Policy and Increment Weather Policy. Deborah Rogers, Jane Elzerman, Al Amstutz and Bev Holbrook (will sit in).
3. New board application: We received an application from Leo Hughes. After some discussion motion by Denise, supported by Al to accept Leo's application and invite him on the board. Bev will call him.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Fund Development Committee Update-Build-a-Van/Walk-a-Thon: Ron reports the Walk-a-Thon letters are going out. The Walk-a-Thon is August 3rd. Also, the Coho Festival is Sept. 6th. For the Garden Theater advertisement, the plan is to run the advertisement for: Walk-a-Thon, June and July; Sponsors, August; Medicaid/Medicare, September and October; Thank you to sponsors, November; Happy Holidays, December. Next Fund Development Committee meeting is July 8th.
2. MERS Update-Waiting for them to come back with final numbers.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BOARD ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION/EVALUATION OF MEETING: No discussion, good meeting!

Meeting adjourned: 5:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Denise Favreau, BSR Board Secretary

NEXT MEETING

July 17, 2019 @ 4:30 p. m.

The Gathering Place Senior Center

Honor, MI 49640