

BENZIE SENIOR RESOURCES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 19, 2020

Chair Beverly Holbrook called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Prayer of Invocation said by Ron Dykstra; Pledge of Allegiance said by all members and guests. Roll Call: Bev Holbrook, Ron Dykstra, Denise Favreau, Rosemary Russell, Al Amstrutz, Leo Hughes, Paul Turner and Ingrid Turner. Excused: Nancy Mullen-Call and Deborah Rogers. Also present: Fiscal Manager Sabra Boyle, (sitting in for Exec. Director Doug Durand, who is on vacation), Benzie County Commissioner Sherry Taylor, Jessica Carland from the Benzie Bus and Linda Ringleka.

Approval of the February 19, 2020 Agenda: Motion by Denise, supported by Rosemary to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of the Minutes from the previous meeting-January 16, 2020: Two corrections-Deborah Rogers has been elected to be the Chair for the Finance Committee, not Doug Durand. Also under New Business-should read "A list of the townships was received by the board members to sign up....." Motion by Al, supported by Leo to approve the minutes as corrected. MOTION CARRIED.

Suggestion Box Contents: None

Public Input: Linda Ringleka is Rosemary Russell's sister. Linda moved to Michigan from Kentucky and is a licensed Counselor and Psychologist. Linda is planning to open a practice in Honor. Welcome!

Finance Committee Report-Approval of BSR Financial Statements for January 2020: The Finance Committee was unable to have a "meeting". The board members received the narrative. Revenue were up by 3.5% or \$5,511 for January 2020; expenses were down by 9.6% or \$20,456. It was projected that BSR would end the month with a deficit of \$54,311, with most of the deficit related to a 3rd-payroll run. Overall, we ended with a smaller deficit of \$28,349 than what was projected. Motion by Rosemary, supported by Denise to approve the BSR Financial Statements for January 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

Information Items:

- A. Director's Report-January 2020/February 2020: The board members received Doug's report. Additions: A 2016 Dodge Journey was purchased for the MOW. It has about 25,000 miles on it. The 2008 silver van was traded in. The Grand Traverse Band gave us more than what we asked for. We received \$18,999.42.

- B. Programs/Services Report-January 2020: Home Delivered Meals-4,732 meals were provided to 156 clients; an increase of 33% from 2019. Congregate Meals-TGP served 1,706 meals; an increase of 28.3% over 2019. YTD 25,180 meals have been served! Dining Out Program-69 customers purchased 208 vouchers. Homemaker Program-346 service units provided to 117 clients; an increase of 1.5% compared to 2019. Snow Removal-For the season to date, 475 plows have been provided to 154 clients; an increase of 11% compared to 2019. Guardian Medical Monitoring-36 clients receive this service at no cost to them; currently 7 clients on the waiting list. Benzie Bus Punch Cards-160 bus passes have been issued; representing 1,920 rides for the month, an increase of 15% compared to 2019. Information & Assistance- The agency handled 1,096 calls; an increase of 1.5% compared to 2019. MMAPS-Fourteen people were helped with Medicare/Medicaid needs at no cost to them. Estate Planning-Four people were provided estate planning counseling at no cost. Senior Companion Program-Eight clients are benefiting from this program. Foot Care-Forty-one people were provided foot care at the clinics, and eight clients were seen in their homes at no cost. Benzie Senior Dental Program-Two people received financial assistance for dental care. Emergency Senior Essential Needs Fund-Two clients received financial assistance for vehicle and household repair expenses. The Gathering Place Senior Center-Sixteen core activities were offered and three special events that 584-cumulative number of individuals participated in. The top attended activities: Music Programs; Card Games/Board Games/Crafts; Health, Wellness and Educational; Fitness & Exercise Groups and Day Trips. In-Home Services- Total number of in-home care service hours increased by 19% compared to 2019; total number of in-home care visits increased by 28.2% compared to January 2020.
- C. Senior Center Updates-January 2020/February 2020: Dawn's report was presented to the board. Busy as usual!
- D. Board of Commissioners Update: Commissioner Sherry Taylor reports that A Shoreline Erosion Update will be presented at 6 p.m., March 12th at the Garden Theater. This event is free and open to the public. The "31 Project" will start in the Spring 2020. Road repairs will be from the traffic light on the corner of M-115/U.S. 31 south passed Grace Road. The new apartments being constructed in Honor are on hold for now. Homestretch Housing has requested a Planned Unit Development and need \$300,000 for funding.

New Business:

1. Benzie Bus Annual Report Presentation: Jessica Carland from the Benzie Bus gave the presentation. The Benzie Bus started January 2, 2007 with 26,600 trips that first year. She reports just under 108,000 rides for 2019.
2. Benzie County Board of Commissioners Meeting set for March 10, 2020 to discuss the Benzie County Commission on Aging Senior Millage Renewal & Ballot Language. BSR is not asking for an increase. The meeting is scheduled for 9 am.

Old Business:

1. Fund Develop Committee Update: Ron reports that we are still trying to get a banner to run at the Garden Theater. There will not be a “Keep the Wheels Rolling” fundraiser effort this year. The committee is asking for a big presence at the Golf Outing fundraiser slated for June 26, 2020.
2. Updated Sign up List for BSR Annual Report Presentations: These presentations will be given in May, June and July. Sabra updated the list by adding phone numbers for each individual Township for the presenters to call and get on the agenda for the township meetings. There are still a few slots left to fill.

Public Comment: None

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Favreau BOD Secretary

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NEXT MEETING

March 18, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m.

The Gathering Place Senior Center

Honor, MI 49640