

Benzie Senior Resources
Board of Directors
July 15, 2020
4:30pm

Call To Order: Ron Dykstra 4:33
Prayer of Invocation: Al
Pledge of Allegiance: All

Roll Call: Present: Ron Dykstra, Nancy Mullen-Call, Rosemary Russell, Al Amstrutz, Leo Hughes, Ingrid and Paul Turner. Absent and Excused: Deb Rogers and Denise Favreau. Also present are Douglas Durand, Sabra Boyle, and Sherry Taylor (County Commissioner Liaison). No public identified on the conference call.

Approval of July 15, 2020 Agenda: Motion was made by Rosemary Russell and seconded by Al Amstrutz. Roll Call: Ron Dykstra, Yes. Nancy Mullen-Call Call, Yes. Rosemary Russell, Yes. Al Amstrutz, Yes. Leo Hughes, Yes. Ingrid Turner, Yes. and Paul Turner, Yes.

Motion to approve the minutes from June 17, 2020 was made by Nancy Mullen-Call and seconded by Leo Hughes, Followed by Roll call: Ron Dykstra, Yes. Nancy Mullen-Call, Yes. Rosemary Russell, Yes. Al Amstrutz, Yes. Leo Hughes, Yes. Ingrid Turner, Yes. and Paul Turner, Yes.

Finance Committee Update was given by Doug and we reviewed the financial statement. A motion to approve the Financial report was made by Nancy Mullen-Call and seconded by Paul Turner; followed by Roll Call.: Ron Dykstra, Yes. Nancy Mullen Call, Yes. Rosemary Russell, Yes. Al Amstrutz, Yes. Leo Hughes, Yes. Ingrid Turner, Yes. and Paul Turner, Yes.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- A. Directors/ Program Reports were submitted to the board by Doug.
 - a. Doug reported that last week we had our best week with curbside meals with 221 meals served. We are encouraging the use of our outdoor patio to be used by those picking up their meals. We have new handicap accessible picnic tables. Last week we provided 1,182 Home Delivered Meals to 169 clients.
 - b. Fresh produce boxes 62 were sent out as of yesterday we had 12 left but Doug believes those went out today. There are 3 types of Fresh Produce Boxes: Vegetable, Fruit and Dairy. Unfortunately, the USDA is scaling this back but the distributor, Van Eerden is trying to find ways to stretch the deliveries into August.
 - c. We also obtained 30 additional shelf-stable boxes and those are being distributed to senior in need.
 - d. Senior Project Fresh coupons has been done by mail and we have less than 30 coupons left. and Marvin's Garden Spot and Elberta Farmers Markets are participating in the program.
 - e. The Gathering place Survey went out and sent out approximately 270 surveys. 124 are back. What we are seeing is that our seniors are reluctant to come back. Only 35% want to dine in. Seniors were asked about wearing masks 75% said they would but 25% said no. The survey also showed that our seniors have expectations that we are following CDC guidelines and maintaining safety requirements. Many miss The Gathering Place but only want to come

back when it is safe to do so. Leo made the comment that he agrees 100% with the work that is being done with the survey and Covid-19 to ensure that our Seniors have a voice.

f. The Gathering Place will not be opening until phase 6 and then it would be 6 weeks after phase 6 started to ensure no upticks in COVID cases. .

g. Doug is currently working on trying to compile an opening plan that will meet criteria for MIHHS, CDC, plans including State, Federal and local levels of government. Our biggest concerns currently are food insecurity and senior isolation.

B. Program Report submitted to the board.

. HDM continues to exceed past record numbers for the year.

a. Homemaker Program will soon be down a contractor who is retiring and a ad has been placed. We currently have 15 people on a waiting list.

b. We currently are still in need of at least 2 additional Home Healthcare Workers, but it has been a struggle to even get applications in. The CARES Act that provided an extra unemployment benefits might be playing a role in the lack of interest at this time.

c. Lawn Chore has seen a record number of clients signed up and we have put an end date for folks to sign up for the program. If their lawns haven't been mowed by now, it would be impossible for our contractors to cut someone's grass safely for their them and their equipment.

d. Nancy questioned the increase of 30% for information or assistance in the last month. Doug reassured the board that the questions had more to do with COVID and not the programming itself. Doug stated, "If anything COVID has done for us is to bring senior isolation and food insecurity to the forefront." We will be looking at our programming in the future perhaps increasing our home visits and volunteers to assist in combating senior isolation.

e. Doug also reviewed how staff, volunteers, and clients are screened for COVID prior to visits, use of masks and questionnaires asking who has been in the client's home and where they are from. Movement of people increases our risks.

C. Board of Commissioners Report (Sherry Taylor)

. County is working on the 2021 Budget

i. The prosecutor's office would like another prosecutor.

ii. The Jail renewal will be on the Ballot

a. The county is looking at how to pay out hazard pay to all essential positions not just law enforcement but first responders etc.

D. ACTION ITEMS

. Motion to Approve Board President, Beverly Holbrook's resignation. Rosemary Russell made the motion to approve the president's resignation and Al Amstrutz seconded it. Roll call: Ron Dykstra, Yes. Nancy Mullen-Call, Yes. Rosemary Russell, Yes. Al Amstrutz, Yes. Leo Hughes, Yes. Ingrid Turner, Yes. and Paul Turner, Yes.

a. Nancy Mullen-Call made a motion to table replacement of the board president until the Election of officers in October 2020. Rosemary Russell seconded the motion. Roll Call to approve tabling the replacement of the Board president until the Election of officers in October 2020. Ron Dykstra, Yes. Nancy Mullen-Call, Yes. Rosemary Russell, Yes. Al Amstrutz, Yes. Leo Hughes, Yes. Ingrid Turner, Yes. and Paul Turner, Yes.

. Al would like to know the Job Descriptions

i. Doug will send out bylaws out via email to the Board of Directors and clarification of the length of term for Election.

ii. Ron would like the Nominating Committee to have a meeting at least 2 months prior to Elections and place it on the August Board of Directors Meeting Agenda.

c. Motion to approve a resolution to remove Beverly Holbrook's name from the State Savings Business Accounts was made by Rosemary Russell and seconded by Nancy Mullen-Call. Roll Call: Ron Dykstra, Yes. Nancy Mullen-Call, Yes. Rosemary Russell, Yes. Al Amstrutz, Yes. Leo Hughes, Yes. Ingrid Turner, Yes. and Paul Turner, Yes. Motion carried.

c. Al Amstrutz made a motion for a resolution to add Ron Dykstra to the State Savings Bank Business accounts signature card. This was seconded by Paul Turner. Roll Call: Ron Dykstra, Yes. Nancy Mullen-Call, Yes. Rosemary Russell, Yes. Al Amstrutz, Yes. Leo Hughes, Yes. Ingrid Turner, Yes. and Paul Turner, Yes. Motion carried.

E. New Business

. Ron sent stuff to Board members to add some comments from clients on our appeal letter.

a. Theme: "When It Matters - We are here."

b. Rosemary will ask Monica Johnson for some input from the Hospital ED and maybe Nancy Smith Hospital Medical Director for comments or input.

F. Fund Development:

. Ron Set a date for Monday August 17th at 10:00AM.

a. Walk A thon Letter went out.

b. Township presentations are done

G. Old Business:

a. Covid Updates frequently change Doug is watching this and continuing to update staff

H. Public Input: No public input.

I. ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by Leo Hughes and seconded by Paul Turner. Roll Call: Ron Dykstra, Yes. Nancy Mullen-Call, Yes. Rosemary Russell, Yes. Al Amstrutz, Yes. Leo Hughes, Yes. Ingrid Turner, Yes. and Paul Turner, Yes. Meeting adjourned at 5:34pm

Next meeting is August 19, 2020 at 4:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemary Russell,
Board Member.