

Benzie Senior Resources
Governance Committee Meeting via Zoom
October 24, 2022 @ 10:00am

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Leo Hughes called the meeting to order at 10:01am

Roll Call: Nancy Mullen Call, Victor Dinsmoore, Leo Hughes, Rosemary Russell, Dawn Bousamra, and Doug Durand

Approval of 10/24/2022 Agenda – Motion to approve the agenda was made by Rosemary Russell and seconded by Victor Dinsmoore. Roll Call: Victor Dinsmoore – Yes, Rosemary Russell – Yes, Nancy Mullen Call – Yes, Leo Hughes – Yes.

Approval of 09/26/2022 Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve the prior meeting's minutes was made by Nancy Mullen Call and seconded by Victor Dinsmoore. Roll Call: Victor Dinsmoore – Yes, Rosemary Russell – Yes, Nancy Mullen Call – Yes, Leo Hughes – Yes.

Discussion Topics

1. Board of Director Membership
 - a. Ongoing membership search focused on priority areas of expertise. Leo Hughes had forwarded an updated BOD Composition Summary and asked Doug Durand if he had a specific skill set he wanted to prioritize for our ongoing board member search. Doug advised while he did not have any specific priority in mind, he thought an attorney would be a great add to the composition.
 - b. New Board Member Orientation – process to update. Doug Durand to send an updated New Board Member Orientation binder checklist for our review and update. We had a good discussion on content and items we might want to add. Victor Dinsmoore highlighted the importance of new members helping with the delivery of Meals on Wheels as he felt this really opened his eyes to the need in the community.
2. Facility Needs Assessment Taskforce
 - a. Planning of Senior Facility Tours
 - i. Friendship Center, Petoskey, MI
 - ii. East Jordan Senior Center (Community Center concept), East Jordan, MI
 - iii. Isabella County Commission on Aging, Mt. Pleasant, MI
 - iv. The Wagnor Community Center, Manistee, MIGood general discussion on the topic. Nancy Mullen Call suggested we prioritize the Petoskey and East Jordan visits first. Leo Hughes will develop a list of potential dates to send out to the Committee and then once we have some potential dates Leo will contact the Petoskey and East Jordan Centers to schedule visits. Doug Durand to contact the Senior Center Directors and advise that Leo would be contacting them to arrange a visit.
 - b. Crystal Lake Elementary – Benzie Central Schools Update – Leo Hughes summarized his meeting with Amiee Erfourth, Superintendent of Benzie Central Schools. She advised that she has been contacted by one other non-profit (Benzie Aquatic Center) expressing potential interest in the facility. She has also been contacted by some area developers but said the most serious was interested in the site of the old high school rather than the Crystal Lake Elementary facility. Amiee Erfourth also advised that she may have contact on a community developer as well as a local philanthropic family that she would be willing to contact on our behalf once we get to that point in the process.

- c. Community Membership Discussion – There was a brief general discussion about the value of gaining broad community support for what actions we ultimately decide to take. Leo Hughes to reach out to Diane Tracy to have an informational discussion regarding the Benzie Aquatic Center concept.

Adjournment: Having no additional items to cover meeting adjourned by consensus at 10:51am

Committee Members: Nancy Mullen Call, Victor Dinsmoore, Leo Hughes, Rosemary Russell

Next Governance Committee Meeting: Monday, November 21, 2022 @ 10:00am via Zoom