

Preston Senior Affairs Committee

The June 1, 2021 Preston Senior Affairs Committee meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Chairman Elizabeth Bassette. Members in attendance included Elizabeth Bassette, Mary Lou Jensen, Marie Perrin, Morris Fishbone and Frances Minor.

Minutes: ML. Jensen made a motion to accept the May 4, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by M. Fishbone. Motion Approved.

Correspondence: None at this time.

Financial Report: F. Minor provided the committee with a detailed report of financial transactions incurred during the previous month. Discussion surfaced regarding additional repairs required for the Braun wheelchair lift, water testing and well flushing services essential for reopening of the senior center and the malfunctioning senior center computer. In addition to the replacement of a new well cover, efforts will be implemented to monitor the centers well system with water testing to be completed on a regular basis. If the replacement of shocks on the Braun lift is not successful, consideration will be given regarding the addition of a heavy-duty spring system to help with the lifts operation. Reliable handicapped lift operation is essential to our transportation system. Discussion continued with regard to the replacement of the antiquated computer and printer. It was determined that the band aid approach is no longer feasible and a replacement computer and printer are needed. It was recommended that an extended warranty be purchased, a back-up drive and usb capabilities. A motion to accept the Financial Report was made by M. Fishbone. Motion seconded by M. Perrin. Motion approved.

Old Business:

a. Fiscal Budget: No changes have been made to our Fiscal Budget request at this time. At the Public Hearing, no reduction was made to the proposed budget. Another hearing will be conducted later in the week. After which time, the budgets will go to a Referendum.

b. BBQ & Bingo. After a few bumps along the way, the picnic was a huge success thanks to the last-minute call for volunteers and equipment. Preston Parks & Rec Director Amy Brosnan and the Youth Services Bureau sponsored the entertainment portion of the activities. The shrill of delight came flooding in when the ice cream truck, playing its familiar tune, entered the property! Music Bingo drew participants eager to win the great array of prizes too.

Worker bees included Amy Brosnan, Kathy Brosnan, Carl Williams and Earl Collela who selflessly donated their time, energy, and equipment to help the event achieve the goal of bringing happiness, normalcy and camaraderie to the event.

New Business/Other:

a. The Drive-Thru Food distribution held in conjunction with UCFS and Gemma Moran Labor Food Bank provided information regarding the totals from their local distribution sites during January 2021 thru May 15, 2021. The total of bags distributed was 554 with a total of 1,610 individuals served, quite impressive work!

b. M. Fishbone suggested that when this committee reconvenes in September, that the meeting of the Preston Senior Affairs Committee be conducted at the Preston Senior Center. All were in agreement.

Public Comment: No public in attendance.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 1:43 p.m. by M L. Jensen. The motion was seconded by M. Fishbone. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted by,

Frances Minor