

Preston Senior Affairs Committee

The October 5, 2021 Senior Affairs Committee teleconference meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Chairman Elizabeth Bassette. Members in attendance included Elizabeth Bassette, Morris Fishbone, Marie Perrin (arriving at 1:12 p.m.), and Frances Minor. Mary Lou Jensen was absent.

Minutes: M. Fishbone made a motion to accept the June 1, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by F. Minor. Motion approved.

F. Minor made a motion to accept the September 7, 2021 meeting cancellation notice. M. Fishbone seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Correspondence: None at this time.

Financial Report: F. Minor reviewed the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 report. The COVID-19 pandemic caused closure of the senior center, decreased hours of staff, under utilization of utilities and minimal supply purchases resulting in \$13,575.20 unspent.

The Current budget shows that we have expended over \$2,127.42 in our Telecommunication Line item. Replacement of the Monitoring system dialer and service charges created the largest expenditure. Additional expenditures are expected for the Monitoring system as we continue experiencing additional problems. Vehicle repairs to the 2010 Town & Country have included brakes, rotors and 1 replacement tire. A correction to the financial report indicates that our current budget is \$73,696.00, Expended amount is \$14,663.46 with a remaining balance of \$59,032.54.

M. Fishbone made a motion to accept the corrected FY 2021-2022 Fiscal Budget report. Motion seconded by M. Perrin. Motion approved.

Old Business:

- a. Annual Flu & Pneumonia Clinic. The registrations were very slow in the beginning and are now increasing. We have had good support and volunteers are eager to assist.
- b. M. Fishbone requested additional information regarding the closing of last years activities. They are:
 1. A new computer and printer have been installed in the center and are working well.

2. The repairs to the 2006 bus have been completed at a cost of \$200.00. The labor was provided by the Public Works employees. It took a lot of manpower hours to flesh out the problem, order parts and wait on delivery. The end result is we have a functioning lift.
3. Water testing results were provided to Uncas Health District prior to our receiving permission to reopen the senior center. Water testing continues on a regular basis to keep in compliance with TVCCA regulations. (As a meal site, we are under strict regulations).
4. Food distributions continue on a monthly basis at the center.

New Business:

- a. Election of Officers. After a brief discussion, it was determined that the process of conducting an election was not necessary. Elizabeth Bassette has agreed to hold the position of Chairman throughout this year.
- b. Monitoring system repairs. This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.
- c. TVCCA Nutrition Program – loan of equipment. F. Minor was contacted by TVCCA

Recently. They were willing to loan our Congregate Meal Site, a used refrigerator and oven. Two local senior centers are building new facilities and have decided to purchase new equipment and return the borrowed equipment to TVCCA. Much discussion ensued. We would certainly be interested in accepting their offer. Questions arose about transportation, repairs and cost associated with this endeavor. F. Minor indicated that, if necessary, she will ask for assistance of the public works department to deliver the refrigerator. In the past, when equipment was loaned by TVCCA, they provided manpower and transportation. It is not expected that we will realize the addition of the refrigerator until later this year or early next year. Our current refrigeration will be disposed of as it is over 25 years old and having difficulties maintain temperature.

Public Comment: None

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

Respectfully submitted by

Frances Minor