



MINUTES

North Little Rock Senior Citizens Commission

September 25, 2017, 3:00 PM

Hays Center

The Senior Citizens Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Dick Blankenbeker at 3:00 PM.

Present were: Virginia Raum, Marleene Calvin, Dick Giddings, Robert Barnes, Eddie Powell, Belinda Snow, Murry Witcher, Dorothy Romes and Dick Blankenbeker. A quorum was declared.

All were present.

A motion was made by Dick Giddings to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Marleene Calvin. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Rhodes gave a brief overview of the financial information and bank accounts reporting that all financials are in good order. Legal publication of \$600 has been added onto the 2018 budget as advised. An increase in employer participation towards pension funds may need to be reviewed for overall payroll expense increase. Rentals are down from previous year. Murry Witcher made a motion to accept the financial information and seconded by Virginia Raum. The motion was passed unanimously.

Ms. Rhodes gave a program update stating that the AARP photo booth was a success with over 60 participants. The Hays Center's health fair that was co-hosted by Valley Ranch Nursing and Rehabilitation had over 150 participants. The Bean Bag Baseball team won 3rd place at the Senior Olympics. Tuesday's lunch program is breaking even. We are preparing for 30 plates at \$5 per plate. Around the world Cooking Class has 50 members signed up for the demonstration. Friendly Chapel Fish Fry and Fall Follies tickets are now for sale. A motion was made by Murry Witcher to purchase two books of Fish Fry tickets, a table for the Fall Follies event, and to approve program updates, seconded by Eddie Powell. All were in favor.

Ms. Rhodes informed the Commission in regards to building maintenance.

- Sprinkler – American Leak Detector found a leak on the north side near RPZ.
 - Found second leak by the north door and main entrance. Will need to break up the sidewalk. Cost of repairs estimated at \$3,500
 - Recommended to let the sprinklers run through a month's billing cycle and to check with the city for sidewalk repairs. Bernadette to contact Chris Wilbourn, the City Engineer, to discuss more affordable sidewalk repair options.

- Ballroom Shades – Installation rescheduled for Friday, September 29th
- Internet – The city wants to move the Center’s public computers onto a private internet server. The Commission directed Ms. Rhodes to look into Comcast Internet and see what they can offer us.
- Pickleball – Going well.
- Henry Hawk’s Fitness Class – Looking for a volunteer to fill the position. Members will fill in with his video until a decision is made.

Membership policy revisions have been reviewed. A motion was made by Eddie Powell to approve. Motion was second by Murry Witcher. All were in favor. Ms. Rhodes was directed to post the updated membership policy on the bulletin board and on the Center’s webpage.

The bus fee for higher-mileage day trips was increased to help the Center recoup more of its transportation costs. Ms. Rhodes was directed to track income vs. expense for each trip. A motion was made by Robert Barnes to increase the fees to a maximum of \$10 instead of \$5. Dick Giddings seconded. All were in favor. The new fee schedule will be effective November 1st, 2017 and is as follows:

TRIP FEES (effective Nov. 1, 2017)

(all round trip)

up to 30 miles	\$2
31-74	\$3
75-99	\$4
100-149	\$5
150-199	\$6
200-249	\$7
250-299	\$8
300-349	\$9
350+ miles	\$10

A motion was made by Eddie Powell to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Murry Witcher. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

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Approved by Belinda Snow, Secretary