



WILLIAMSTON AREA
SENIOR CENTER

Williamston Area Senior Center – Board Meeting Minutes August 13, 2024

Board Members Present: Ann Lemmen, Marilyn Thompson, Karleen Dimick, Sharon Basil, Beth Zetterholm, Sharon LaPointe and ex-officio members Ray Lemmen and Director Julie Rudd
Absent: Mark Steinberg, Jolene Gustafson, Tammy Gilroy/City of Williamston, and Wilma Whitehead/LeRoy Twp.

I. Call Meeting to Order

President Ann Lemmen called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

Sharon B moved to accept the meeting agenda as presented, 2nd by Karleen. Motion passed.

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the July 9, 2024, Board Meeting was presented for approval. Sharon LP made note that the letter “e” is missing from her last name. Beth moved to approve the minutes with correction, 2nd by Karleen. Motion passed.

IV. Director’s Report – Julie Rudd

Highlights from the Director’s Report included:

- We received the \$39,559.58 from Leroy Twp for last winter’s taxes that weren’t collected.
- Leroy Twp unanimously approved putting our millage on their November ballot.
- Our ballot language was voted on and unanimously approved at the Williamstown Twp meeting
- Since the Ingham County clerk rejected our sub-ballot with Locke Twp, the township met and voted down to put our millage on their full township November ballot. Dorothy, the Township Clerk, will check into a possible assessment for the Williamston-Webberville school district
- Will be looking into adding 2 pickleball courts sometime over the next 2 years
- Had Andrea Kleiver look at our building for some remodeling ideas. Because of her busy schedule and our limited budget, we are unable to hire her services.
- All the publicity/media attention about the Seniors of Meridian moving into the Meridian Mall has generated a lot of calls to us. Meridian residents are calling us with questions too
- Area senior centers are interested in visiting our new facility after opening
- We received our first PayPal donation from the website \$30

V. Events Coordinator Report – Anne McKinney

In Anne’s absence, Julie presented the Events Coordinator report. She highlighted the many fun activities for the months of July and August.

- The weekly Biking and Walking Clubs are going strong
- The once-a-month summer picnics have been a hit
- In August, Drum Circle had 16 members joining in

- Upcoming events include: a presentation by Dr. Karen Bollman, Auctioneer Bob Howe and the WASC 32nd Anniversary will be celebrated on October 7th.

VI. Treasurer's Report – Ray Lemmen

The July 31, 2024 Finance Report was presented for the Board's review.

- The net income for the fiscal year is \$93,676.17
- The new fiscal year now reflects the expenses made on the new building.

Motion to approve the July 31, 2024 Financial Report was made by Sharon B, 2nd by Beth
Motion passed.

VII. New Building Report – Julie Rudd

- Current monthly bills include: *(from the Director's Report)*
 - a) Frontier is \$119.93 for phone service
 - b) WOW internet is \$100.00 plus another \$51.50 when 2 phone lines are added
 - c) City of Williamston \$182.67 for water/sewer
 - d) DTE \$258.13 for electricity
 - e) Consumers Energy \$34.53 for gas
- We now have the keys to the (automatic open) front doors
- There are still issues with getting the digital sign to work. Julie is in contact with both the sign manufacturer and Sign by Crannie to get the electronic message board working
- Julie is working with another company Foresight Signs who agreed to make a sign that goes above the digital sign
- The Rotary's Volunteer Service Committee removed the wood deck with the help of Mike Walker and his son, who had done some prep work making the removal easier
- Julie suggested having the group prep and remove the grass from the parking lot islands and replace them with the rocks that were around the wooden deck
- Julie is still getting bids for lawn mowing. They are pretty much coming in at over \$200
- The Livingston County Mechanical Building Inspector made a visit. He said we would need an architect to create a floor plan with changes, get a zoning waiver from the City of Williamston and then submit the plan to the Livingston County Building Assessor (contracted by the City of Williamston)
- Our contractor, Mike Walker continues to work on the building
- Grant applications have been submitted to the Senior Benefit Fund for \$60,968.01. Working on the second batch to get the full \$100,000.00
- It was suggested that each board member should have a copy of the floor plan to use as a visual during building discussions

VII. Taste of Williamston

This information was included in the Director's Report (under Fundraisers)

- The Taste of Williamston is Tuesday, October 22 – theme Fall Chic / Fall Classic
- Main auction to help raise funds to purchase a generator for the building, with the intent being that WASC will remain as a heating and cooling center for the entire community.
- Open at 5:30pm, view auction items, grab a drink , band plays, food at 6:15pm and auction later
- Selling 300 tickets, starting August 22 and there is also a sign-up sheet

- Taste of Williamston Committees consist of:
 - a) Co-Sponsors: Raj Wiener and Julie
 - b) Steering Committee: Raj, Julie, Ray, Ann and Jolene
 - c) Marketing/Facebook: Marilyn and Chris Lewis
 - d) Sponsorships: Anne and Jim Conroy
 - e) All board members should be looking for auction/donation items
- Looking to have Meijer sponsor the Taste of Williamston

VIII. Board Comment

The board thanked Julie for going above and beyond in working to get our building move-in ready. The Board does recognize and appreciates all the hard work Julie is putting in.

IX. Public Comment – None

X. Adjournment

The Board agreed to meet again next month. Date Tuesday, September 10th. Beth moved to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Sharon LP. Passed by consensus.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm

Submitted by:

Marilyn Thompson

Board Secretary