

H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Center Advisory Board Meeting

April 23, 2019

The quarterly meeting of the Patrick Senior Center Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at Noon. Members present were Rev. William Thompson, Betty Grant, Mattie Adams, Mary Helen Brown, Sandra Murphrey, Janet Beani, Charles Fite, and Jancy Patrick. Members not at the meeting were Dwight Beaty, Helen Hatch, Carl Morrow, Tom Tate, Lew Dellinger, and Debbie Crocker. Staff members in attendance were Tabitha Thomas, Lynn Lail, Glenda Hopkins and Bonnie Hale.

An invocation was given by Rev. Thompson. He determined that a quorum was present, and the meeting was called to order. Rev Thompson asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were accepted as read and then approved by the board.

Director Tabitha Thomas welcomed everyone to the meeting. She first introduced her newest staff member Glenda Hopkins in her position as a full time administrative assistant. Glenda then introduced herself. She came from the healthcare industry and is thrilled to be working at the center. Tabitha showed off the new Senior Center Staff poster with everyone's picture. She mentioned that Claudia Vaughn and Karen Grigg were both excused today. Debbie Vaughn turned in her resignation letter to Tabitha, stating personal reasons for leaving the board, effective immediately, and Tabitha shared her email with the Board. A thank you card was passed around for signatures thanking her for her service these past years on the Board.

New Board appointments will be filled in July and officers will be selected then. New Board appointments are Al Tate, Charles Stephens, Pat Blanton, Sharon Proctor, Evelyn Pressley, and Lee Ann Long. Their names will be submitted to the City Council for approval, and will be ready to start in July. Tabitha mentioned that the board could still use a few more members, if anyone had any suggestions. Board members rotating off are Dwight Beaty, Mary Helen Brown, Debbie Crocker, Helen Hatch, Tom Tate, and Jancy Patrick. Everyone is invited to come to the July 23 meeting for the class of 2019 graduation. Rev. Thompson mentioned that board members can serve again after a one year sabbatical, if anyone was interested in serving in the future.

Current goals were then discussed by Tabitha. First, the Center applied for a SCOPE certificate, and work is progressing towards the audit this November. Upon passing later this year, the Center will get approximately an additional \$10,000 per year in funding. She thanked the staff for all their hard work in making this happen. The second goal is to do more outreach programs in the community. One recent event was at the Kings Mtn. Manor on March 11, and another at the Minority Health Conference on March 23. There will be more events in May and June offsite. Thirdly, a goal was to replace some aging exercise equipment, and several have been purchased.

The Center completed an advocacy project involving seniors. The project had over 100 seniors signing Valentine cards to send to our legislators, and one of the thank you cards received from Ted Alexander was read out loud to the board. Next business mentioned was that the Center will be hosting a Medicare 101 class on April 30, with a dinner for anyone interested in attending. A cookout will be held on Friday, June 28 to celebrate the Fourth of July. Tabitha asked if any businesses would like to donate items to offset the cost of the regular \$3 Friday lunch. Janet Beani expressed concerns about cooking

outdoors and suggested all cooking be done inside. Members of the Board agreed, and volunteers were asked to help serve that day.

Building updates were discussed next. The conference room wall track has been replaced, as well as one HVAC unit, which was covered under the current budget. Two security cameras were installed, which will help monitor the fitness room and front kitchen. Also, building rental fees for the opening/closing have been raised from \$25 to \$50.

The staff is working on the annual Senior Center satisfaction survey, and the results will be shared at the next meeting. They are also looking to reform the newsletter, post items on Facebook, and increase their presence on the City of KM's Facebook page. Bonnie Hale will work on mentioning the June cookout on Facebook and ask for donations.

Tabitha, during the Jan-March period, attended 3 TACC Advisory Board meetings, 2 ACCES meetings, and attended a quarterly meeting with IPDC, a requirement for the Title III grant funding. In Claudia's absence, Tabitha covered the budget. Thru the 3rd quarter, the Center is under budget and on track for the year. Tabitha met with Marilyn Sellers, City Manager, and was told that the budget would stay relatively flat for the upcoming year with no major cuts. There are still plans to paint some rooms and replace some lobby furniture. The gift shop sales are up and filled with new things. Please visit!

Copies of the event statistics were passed out. Worth mentioning is that the Center averages about 100 people per day. Bonnie Hale highlighted some upcoming activities. Lynn Lail noted that 80% of the attendees were from in town.

Rev. Thompson said that he felt like the Senior Center is family, and suggested having a display of past volunteers that served would be well received. Tabitha said she appreciates all the board members and volunteers and thanked everyone for coming.

Rev. Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Charles Fite seconded.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 23, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Jancy Patrick