

Regular Board Meeting
September 17, 2024, 4:30 pm @ 4388 W M-72 HWY, Grayling

The meeting was called to order at 4:35pm by Karl Schreiner.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS INTRODUCTIONS: MARK OSTAHOWSKI & CHERYL WOLKENS

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Karl Schreiner, Laurie Jamison, Mark Ostahowski, Cheryl Wolkens, Jason Thompson, Shannon Sorenson, and Sandy Woods.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Lynn Cheney and Alice Snyder.

The Pledge of Allegiance led by Schreiner. A prayer was offered by Schreiner.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

AGENDA:

Motion by Jamison to approve the agenda with the addition of new business D. Reefer Container. Under unfished business Directors Contract. September 17, 2024, supported by Ostahowski. Ayes (7) seven, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES:

Motion by Ostahowski, to approve the minutes dated August 20, 2024, supported by Woods. Ayes (7) seven, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Motion by Jamison, to accept and file the financial report dated August 31, 2024, supported by Sorenson. Ayes (7) seven, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS:

- A. **Michigan Senior Advocates Council (MSAC) – Lorelei King**
King arrived at 4:50pm.

King stated that the guardianship bills need to be homed in on three main areas. 1) include HR 4909 additional safeguards that families members who are qualified to be Guardians of their family members are considered first and not passed over summarily. 2. The Guardian ad litem appointed by the Probate Judge decides whether the individual needs guardianship and in many cases becomes the Guardian. This practice must be modified to make it fair and transparent so family members are involved and have equal consideration in this process. 3. HR 4911 provides a one page, four box check off that “medical professional” checks off to indicate “incapacity” and determines weather a guardianship is necessary.

- B. **Directors Report**

Discussed the Directors Report. Director Snyder submitted her letter of retirement.

Motion by Jamison to accept and approve the Directors Report and accepting the letter of retirement, supported by Thompson. Ayes (7) seven, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

Schreiner appointed a committee to search for a new Director, including Alice Snyder, Laurie Jamison, Paul Compo, Shannon Sorenson, and Mark Ostahowski.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Directors Contract

Discussed the Directors Contract. Jamison would like to make a recommendation to take it up to 5% pay increase. Effective October 1, 2024.

Motion by Jamison to amend Snyders director contact effective 10-1-24 changes to 5% increase to March 28, 2025, supported by Wolken. Ayes (7) seven, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jamison to make a budget amendment for the Directors wage change and off set with HDM donations, supported by Woods. Roll call: Karl Schreiner - Aye, Laurie Jamison – Aye, Mark Ostahowski - Aye, Cheryl Wolken - Aye, Jason Thompson - Aye, Shannon Sorenson - Aye, and Sandy Woods - Aye. Ayes (7) seven, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Gymnasium

Director Snyder wanted to bring up the fact that we need a gymnasium. The fitness classes are over full, and the pickleball players still need space. There is the possibility of going back to the voters to ask for a gymnasium. It could be larger than what we originally asked for. The current size will not hold basketball or volleyball.

B. Governance Calendar

a. Client Satisfaction Surveys

Discussed the congregate, home delivered meals, and in-home surveys.

Motion made by Sorenson, to receive and file the client satisfaction surveys, supported by Jamison. Ayes (7) seven, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

b. FY 24-25 Board Meeting Schedule

Discussed the board meeting schedule.

Motion made by Wolken, approve the board meeting schedule, supported by Ostahowski. Ayes (7) seven, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

c. FY 24-25 Board Calendar

Motion made by Ostahowski, to approve the governance calendar as presented, supported by Woods. Ayes (7) seven, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

C. Congregate Dinner

Discussion held regarding dinners.

Motion made by Thompson, to suspend dinners from December 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025, supported by Ostahowski. Ayes (7) seven, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

D. Reefer Container

Ostahowski brought a reefer container, that is available free of charge. There would be expenses to move it, concrete pad to put it on, and the cost to hook up electric to it.

Motion made by Thompson, to approve up to \$10,000 for expenses for the reefer container, supported by Jamison. Ayes (7) seven, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

Ostahowski stated that volunteer drivers are hard to get when they must use their own vehicles.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Woods, Secretary

Recorded Lynn Cheney