



Gladstone Senior Center Advisory Board
Minutes
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Members Present: Elaine Hermens, Roxanne Mc Mullin, Len Nelson, Colette Umbras, Linda Andrews, Katie Ellerby, Nancy Turner

Absent: all present

Senior Center Manager: Colin Black: present

Gladstone City Council Liaison: Linda Neace, present

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm. Minutes were corrected and approved by those present.

All members on the Advisory Board have a city email as requested.

OLD BUSINESS

ANUAL WORK PLAN: Linda Andrews reviewed the current plan with the board and proposed the following:

ACTION ITEM: Linda Andrews will rewrite to include a method to measure progress and bring a rough draft to the board next meeting (July 16, 2019).

Kate inquired about getting input on food issues from the person in charge of food, (Debby) at the center. Colin explained that the direction comes through his position and regulations govern both food prep and dietary content.

The board would like to gather more feedback from those who participate in trips and activities that the SR. Center sponsors. **ACTION ITEM:** Kate will pick up a copy of the survey that Oregon City Sr. Center uses gather feedback for the board to see. OC Sr. Center hands out the survey on the way back from the trip to ensure that opinions are voiced,

ACTION ITEM: a request was made to put comment cards on the table/counter during activities to encourage more feedback.

MEALS ON WHEELS: more volunteers have stepped forward; however, the center would benefit from more. 3-4 more drivers were added, with Friday being the heaviest delivery day. There are 2 routes with up to 24 clients on a route. (30-60 minutes)

The SR. Center tram is owned by a private company with the Gladstone Senior center in charge of upkeep.

GRAND RE-OPENING OF THE CENTER

63 meals were served during the celebration with the foundation paying for the event. Left-over food was packaged into frozen meals to be delivered to clients. Raymond Rendleman, from the Clackamas Review came and did an interview with Colin and took pictures for an article.

SENIOR CENTER GARDEN:

The current status of the garden was reviews. Plants are in and growing. New donations should include tomato cages, help with watering on weekends, storage, workbench, tools and better water access. Colin and Deana are watering during the week.

ACTION ITEM: brainstorm how to get clients more involved with the garden.

NEW BUSINESS:

VOLUNTEERISM AT THE SENIOR CENTER: Kate presented the board with ideas for promoting volunteers at the center. She would like to lobby for a volunteer coordinator position to be established. Colin and Kate will meet to discuss ideals. (See attached page)

ACTION ITEM: Colin.... will gather ideas on what needs exist at the center and how many volunteers would be necessary to handle those needs.

FEE CHANGE:

Colin is suggesting that a fee increase from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per meal to take effect on July 1,2019. This is a donation that is requested for each meal, and not a requirement to eating.

A request for increasing trip fees was made also. Many Centers charge more for clients that live out of the district. A suggestion of \$5.00 for in district with more for those living out of the district.

The advisory board agreed with the food increase, but not the trip increase.

GLADSTONE CULTURAL FESTIVAL IN AUGUST.

The advisory board and foundation board members are being asked to work a shift in the Senior Center booth on Saturday of the festival. The festival is the first weekend in August at Max Patterson Park. The objective is to be seen and provide information about services provided.

OPEN FLOOR...none

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm

