

Pomfret Sr Advocate Commission
Minutes November 26, 2012
Pomfret Senior Center

Present: Susan LaRose, Rita Conrad, Liz Cartier, Judy Miller, Ann Hinchman

Alternates: Gail McElroy

Citizen Attendance: Jeanette Sullivan, Gene Gerum, Maggie Belleveau, Ron Bellevue, Sally Johnson, Ford Fay, Pete Baker, Sybil Williams, Monique Caron-Krug, Maureen Nicholson-BOS, Peter Mann-BOS

Meeting Called to Order: 7:15 pm

Meeting Minutes, October 17, 2012, Motion made by Liz Cartier, 2nd by Rita Conrad, approved.

Secretary Correspondence, 3 emails written to PSAC read; 1 from Maggie Belleveau and 2 from Ford Fay.

Citizen Participation: Monique Caron-Krug addressed fact the PSAC members do not attend the Sr Center and that members of the PSAC are discussing Senior Center issues of Senior budget with members of the community. Rita Conrad addressed this issue. Gene Gerum addressed that the Sr Center budget should be spent each year as voted on by the citizens of the Town of Pomfret.

Treasurer's Report: Distributed and discussed by Liz Cartier. Motion made Rita, 2nd by Judy. All in favor to accept the budget as presented. Recommendation made to have a more in depth report of both the Sr Program budget and the Reserve Fund budget at future meetings.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Program Committee: Sue LaRose reported on the programming for the month of December and some for January. Painting Classes will be held for \$15 for Pomfret seniors and \$30 for non Pomfret seniors.

Glass block making classes will be \$6 for Pomfret seniors and \$11 for non Pomfret seniors

Policy Committee: Ann Hinchman presented the new draft PSAC By-Laws drawn up. Discussion and a few changes. Will be presented for final approval at the December PSAC meeting.

New Business:

A cookie share will be included at the Holiday Party. Rita Conrad will be donating homemade lollipops and Liz Cartier will be donating cider.

Opening 5 days/ week, including holiday was raised and discussed. There are people to volunteer to open building on the holidays. Item tabled until the December PSAC meeting when it will be voted on.

Discussion to rescind motion of October 14, 2012 meeting to wave fee this one time for facility use by Blue Grass Concert. Maureen Nicholson presented the history of this undertaking. The chair of PSAC had charged \$100 for rental fee after the PSAC passed motion for waver. Pros and Cons presented. Ann Hinchman pointed out that Motion to wave fee was a decision of the PSAC at a posted and scheduled meeting. It had been overridden by the Chair, without consultation with the members. Motion made by Liz Cartier, 2nd by Rita Conrad to return \$100 fee to Mr. Diquattro for the rental of the PCS, because of the error made. Motion passed-4 in favor, 1 opposed. Hinchman, Cartier,

Conrad, Miller in favor. LaRose opposed

Maureen Nicholson explained that the BOS and Town Office will be taking over the use and rental of the Pomfret Senior Center.

Paying for the monthly rental of Netflix discussed. PSAC may not have a credit or debit card to rent the movies. Doug Hopkins will rent the movies each month of \$16 and will be reimbursed 1 time a year after presenting receipts to pay the monthly Netflix fee. A \$209.00 fee was charged to PSAC for advertising programs in the Pomfret Times. Discussion about the difference of no fee for monthly calendar listings, no fee for an article and we must pay for an ad. Maureen Nicholson and Liz Cartier clarified that ads are paid for to pay for the publishing of the newspaper. PSAC will approve any paid advertising in the future.

Pomfret 300. Sue mentioned again about Pomfret Seniors participation in this year long event. Jeannette Sullivan stated that she would be doing her power point presentation with John Carter on the schools of Pomfret in January 2013.

2013-2014 budget for Pomfret seniors will be drafted by Sue LaRose and Liz Cartier in January 2013.

Citizens Comments: Many citizens felt that the pool table should be kept. PSC users will be polled about keeping this. Some citizens had very complimentary things to say to the PSAC about the work being done and programs presented at the PSAC. Some citizens were quite vocal about some things not being addressed fairly, ie the waver rental of the building in November on a one time basis.. A question was raised the painting classes presented in the Fall costing \$30 and new classes being \$15. Is it possible to be reimbursed \$15 if you took the classes at the higher price? Will be put on the agenda for December PSAC meeting.

Adjournment: 9:15 pm

Community Holiday Celebration December 8, 2012, 5:00 PM @Pomfret Town Green

Hospice Tree of Life December 9, 2012, 5:00 PM @ Christ Church Pomfret

PSAC meeting December 19, 2012, 7:00 PM @ PSC

Program Committee meeting December 5, 2012 10:00 AM @ PSC

Policy Committee Meeting December 12, 10:00 AM @ PSC

Ann Hinchman
Secretary

accepted on 12-19-12