

Village of Germantown
Senior Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2022

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 pm by Jan Miller

II. Roll Call:

In attendance were: Trustee Jan Miller, Senior Representative Faye Price, Citizen at Large Norine Janzen, Citizen Representative Jackie Shebesta, Park & Recreation Director Gilford Standridge, Senior Center Coordinator Mary Fiegel; Absent was Trustee Dennis Meyers

III. Approval of Minutes- January 20, 2022

Norine Made a motion to approve the minutes of the Senior Advisory Committee Meeting of January 21, 2022 and it was seconded by Faye Price. Motion Approved.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT: None

V. OLD BUSINESS:

Senior Center Budget-General Discussion

Parks & Recreation Director Gil Standridge reported that the Senior Center expenditures for 2021 was \$97,430 which is down \$4,394 from 2020. Revenues for 2021 were \$58,886 up \$49,117 from 2020.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

Senior Center Programs, Trips & Activities Update

Senior Center Coordinator's report

- Attendance at the Center is up 45% more in the past three months. Seniors are starting to return from covid isolation.
- In the past three months events/activities are up 33% more than in December.
- Rentals have increased and we are back to almost every weekend for rentals.
- Trips are back at the Center and there are currently 13 trips being offered with 6 that are completely full.
- Senior Van service usage has increased. We have a list of the frequent riders, there used to be 15 regulars on the list, now there are 56.
- The St, Patrick's party had 87 participants, the funding for this event was through the grant money.
- The Senior Club had 38 people at their tailgate party on March 30th.

- The Germantown Library will be offering an outreach program 1x month at the Senior Center starting in June. These events will occur on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 1 pm. This schedule is flexible in case there are trips or special events.
- Two evening events planned at the Center in August. August 12 from 6-10 pm, Comedy Spotz and dinner. This is open to all adults, not just Seniors. ON August 24 the BIG event will be held for Seniors from 5-8 pm. An evening of music by Big Bass Trio and a charcutier buffet of
- hors de oeuvres. This is co-sponsored by Gables, Grace Commons, Fair Way Knoll and Mequon Independent living for Seniors. Big bass Trio will be entertaining.
- Some of the other events/parties that are planned are sponsored by the Senior Center include The Amazing Race, Senior Style on September 14, Cooking Class on May 4th. Smart Phone classes in May, Computer help classes in May, Cri-cut Class April 27, Memorial Craft on May25, Wii bowling will continue throughout the summer, Golden Tones Concert on May 18, Arm Chair Travel program of the 7 Continents on Friday, June 24.
- In the past three weeks we have given 17 tours to “new” people and have positive responses and sign ups for events. Out of those 17 tours, 12 have been under the age of 70.
- We are starting a striders group in June. They will meet on Thursday mornings and choose various trails they would like to hike. One of the new baby boomers is volunteering to lead this group. All involved will keep track of their strides and at the end of the year, prizes will be given in various categories.
- Due to covid we did not have a volunteer appreciation party this spring but possibly looking at Fall for this.
- In negotiations with an exercise instructor who is a physical therapist who would come to the Senior Center to do a muscle strengthening class. This would start in June and be offered like the other classes in 8-week session segments.
- ON June 17 from 10-3 there will be a Red Cross blood Drive at the Senior Center. This is associated with the High School.
- Clun Picnic is June 29 from 11:30 to 3 pm Clun Members \$12.00 and non-members \$20.00

VII. Director's Report

- Mobile Library- Cara Reimer has been hired by the Germantown Library to be the new Outreach Specialist. One of her projects is to develop a mobile library and take around to various locations. Cara, and Trisha Smith, Mary,

and myself met to discuss various programs that the library can work with the Senior Center in cooperation. It was decided that these programs will be brought to the Senior Center once a month, starting this June. Programs may consist of guest lecturers, book of the month clubs, and various other programs were discussed.

- Easter Bunny Trail: The Senior Center hosted the Easter Bunny Trail on April 2nd at the Senior Center in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Easter Bunny egg hunt that was put on for youth and eggs were hiding all over the Firemen's Park. Areas were divided up by age groups. The Easter Bunny Trail included Photo Op, meet the Easter Bunny, Pre- packaged bakery & other goodies from Mrs. Bunny's Kitchen. Small Stuffed Easter toys, and kids were offered a coloring sheet to take home, color and turn in.
- Public Planting Workshop: Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry Grant: Awarded to Germantown Forestry Commission in Cooperation with Wachtel Tree Science. As part of the Grant we are charged with offering a public planting workshop. The announcement below is going out to the public. Spring is almost upon us, and it is time to think about tree planting! Nathan Schuettpelz, Consulting Department with Wachtel Tree Science, will be guest speaking at the Old Firemen Park Pavilion weather permitting, or the Firemen Park Senior Center multipurpose room if the weather is inclement, on Saturday, May 21st from 9AM-Noon. Topics discussed will include assessing your site for the right tree, what to look for in quality nursery stock, and best practices for planting trees in the landscape. This course will include an outdoor component where we will plant a tree, so please dress for the weather accordingly. This seminar is free to the public.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

The Next Senior Advisory Committee Meeting will be **July 21, 2022 @3:30 pm**

IX. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Gil Standridge