

UNAPPROVED SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the December 8, 2014 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 in the meeting room of the Oak Ridge Senior Center by Chairperson Elizabeth Batchelor.

ECAB members present: Elizabeth Batchelor, LeRoy Gilliam, William Pryor, Alfred Skyberg, Robert Smallridge, and Wendy Williams.

ECAB members absent: Dave McCoy, Gene Dunaway, and Lynne Burchell.

Also present: Linda McGhee, Recreation Manager, Oak Ridge Senior Center.

VISITORS: None

MINUTES APPROVAL: Minutes of the October 6, 2014 meeting were approved

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS

REPORTS

SENIOR CENTER RECREATION MANAGER REPORT

Linda McGhee reported the following:

1. Copies of the Senior Center December Activities Calendar were disturbed. The center will be closed on December 24th and 25th for the Christmas Holidays and also on January 1st for the New Year's Holiday.
2. The Senior Center held its annual Holiday Reception on December 5th from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. There were 143 attendees and much help from the community with donations and volunteering time as well.
3. The Bingo Holiday Dinner will be held on December 9th. Plan to arrive with a dish to share at 5:15 p.m. The center will be providing ham, drinks, plates, etc. Bingo will start as usual at 6:30 p.m.
4. The Recreation Room Holiday Luncheon will be held on December 12th at 11:30 a.m. Everyone who is coming should bring a plate of finger foods to share.
5. A new exercise class is needed for our Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. timeslot in the Gym. Our Tai Chi class has decided to move to another location.
6. We are starting an Arthritis Foundation Walk With Ease Class in January. There will be an organizational meeting on January 12th at noon and the class will be 3 days a week for 6-weeks.
7. The center also has newly updated user information forms. These forms now contain a liability release to cover participation in activities and the exercise room.

RECENT ACTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL

None

OAK RIDGE SENIOR FOUNDATION REPORT

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Elizabeth Batchelor began by asking if members had come up with Goals for the Board for 2015.

Mr. Pryor said that he felt a good goal would be to get more city council members to attend our meetings. He said it should be a requirement that at least one member attended each meeting.

Mrs. Batchelor also mentioned that Elder Laws put in place many years ago are not working now. There have been many changes in technology and other areas that haven't been addressed. She said we need facts about the senior citizens in our area. What they need, want, etc. She also mentioned the need for a task force made up from different areas of the community such as Banking, law enforcement, Realty, etc.

Both Wendy Williams and Robert Smallridge spoke about the possibilities of surveying the community to answer those questions. Mr. Smallridge mentioned partnering with the University of Tennessee to help in this area as a possibility.

Also Mr. Pryor discussed the need for information about the senior center to be in the Oak Ridger on a more regular basis.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Submitted by

Linda McGhee, Recreation Manager

Elizabeth Batchelor, Board Chairperson