

ELDER CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the January 7, 2013 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 in meeting room 54 of the Oak Ridge Senior Center by Vice Chairman Kerry Trammell.

Minutes of the December 3, 2012 meeting were approved.

ECAB members present: Elizabeth Batchelor, James Gillespie, LeRoy Gilliam, Margaret Gottshall, Barbara Gunn, Dave McCoy, William Pryor, Alfred Skyberg, Robert Smallridge and Kerry Trammell.

ECAB members absent: None

Also present: Linda Jackson, Recreation Manager, and Amanda Murphy, Recreation Program Coordinator Oak Ridge Senior Center.

Visitors: Charlie Hensley, Josh Collins, and Lynne Parris.

Board officers were elected for the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman. Elizabeth Batchelor was nominated by Barbara Gunn and was elected Chairman by unanimous vote of the board. Both Alfred Skyberg and Dave McCoy were nominated for Vice Chairman. The vote was 5 members voting for Alfred and 5 members voting for Dave. Alfred then declined and Dave McCoy was elected Vice Chairman.

Barbara Gunn asked what would be involved in circulating the Senior Center Activity Calendar to groups and organizations in the Oak Ridge area. Linda Jackson responded that should not be a problem especially with the ability to email the calendar to those groups.

SENIOR CENTER RECREATION MANAGER REPORT: Linda Jackson reported the following:

1. Copies of the Senior Center January Calendar of events were distributed. The Senior Center will be closed on January 21st for the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.
2. Fitness options available at the Senior Center were mentioned.
3. The Nine ball tournament rescheduled from November is set to be held on January 18th. The cost is \$12 per participant or \$5 for guest just having lunch.
4. AARP Tax Assistance begins on Monday, February 4th by appointment only. Please call the center on or after January 22nd at 425-3999 to set your appointment time.

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

AARP – (Barbara Gunn) The speaker for the January AARP meeting will be about Home Healthcare options. Ms. Gunn also reported that Don Batchelor had a letter in the Knoxville News Sentinel regarding healthcare legislation and the HR3590 Bill. The speaker for the February meeting would be Rhonda Oliver from Jackson Funeral Home and would be speaking on practical matters to prepare for the death of a loved one.

SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB – (Margaret Gottshall) No Report.

NARFE – (Bill Pryor) The next meeting of NARFE will be January 15th at the Double Tree Hotel. The speaker will be a Scott County native who flew with the Flying Tigers. To reserve a space, call Mary Sue Harris at 482-4625. The cost is \$14 and the deadline to register is January 11th.

OR RETIRED TEACHERS – (Robert Smallridge)

43 CLUB – (James Gillespie) No Report

ELDER ABUSE COALITION - (Liz Batchelor) Ms. Batchelor mentioned that Don Dare will be beginning a TV segment on Scams that senior citizens face. He would like to have seniors who have had scams happen to them and would like to share their stories to help others.

COUNCIL ON AGING – () No Report

CORRE - (LeRoy Gilliam) No Report

COMMUNITY-AT-LARGE (Alfred Skyberg) No Report.
(Kerry Trammell) Mr. Trammell spoke about Congress extending the Medicare Part B Therapy benefits on January 1st. These benefits would continue to be in effect through March. He was also asked by William Pryor about the bed tax and he reported that it was extended as well and could have a big impact on long term care.

(Dave McCoy) Mr. McCoy thanked everyone for voting for him as Vice Chairman and he also mentioned to be aware of a Scam at Wal-marts involving add-ons to your receipts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A resolution was made by Barbra Gunn that we accept the resignation of the CORRE organization from the Elder Citizens Advisory Board. It was seconded by Elizabeth Batchelor and It was passed unanimously.

A resolution was also made by Elizabeth Batchelor that the Anderson County ADA Commission be granted a seat on the Elder Citizen's Advisory Board to better assist the Elderly population in Oak Ridge. It was seconded by Kerry Trammell and passed unanimously as well.

A resolution was made by Elizabeth Batchelor to eliminate the Secretary position from the Board's Bylaws because the position is now being filled by the

city staff representative, Linda Jackson. It was seconded by Dave McCoy and passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elizabeth Batchelor asked that the group check with their organizations to find out if there would be individuals willing to give a talk on travel or on music to help start education programs of this nature here at the Senior Center.

Dave McCoy asked that everyone come prepared to take a group picture at the next meeting to have put in the newspaper.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Submitted by

Linda Jackson, Recreation Manager