



Anchorage Senior Activity Center

Minutes for  
**Board of Director's Meeting**

**Wednesday January 13 at 10 AM**  
**Via Zoom or Live \***

Convene Meeting: Gordon Glaser, President at 10:02 am

Roll Call Present:

Gordon Glaser, Mary Shields, Paula Pawlowski, Kris Warren, Micky  
Becker, Jim Bailey, Judy Brady, Tom Brennan, Vera Crews, Joe Mathis,  
Wanda Peel, Karen Quirk, Patricia Blakney

Guest: Maureen Haggablom

Excused: Kurt Steinert

Staff: Becky Parker, Stephanie Rose

***Agenda Approval: accepted as presented, no changes or revisions.***

***Past Minutes: accepted as presented, no changes or revisions.***

**Committee Reports**

Executive Committee:

Gordon reported that there was discussion about opening, agenda,  
finances.

Endowment Report:

Kris Warren reported that in 2016 the value of the trust was \$4M – at  
the end of December 2020 the value was \$5.3M which is a good return.  
The Center will receive 4% or \$191,303 in 2 installments, one-half of  
which should be paid within the next few weeks. The paperwork

34 reflecting Kris Warren as President is completed and the Center will be  
35 able to receive the money.

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37 MOA Liaison:

38 Maureen Haggablom

39 No new news to share, vaccinations, of course, are our biggest focus -  
40 taking calls, helping seniors sign up one by one, etc. ADRC is setting up  
41 a help line. Will publish number shortly. Still seems to be putting things  
42 in order. Did participate with the vaccine communications discussion.  
43 The need for an email address is problematic for many of the people  
44 we serve. Two employees were at the Alaska Airlines Center helping  
45 folks to set up their second appointment. In February there will be  
46 more large centers open. MatSu opened yesterday but are probably out  
47 today. All the emails that I received related to the vaccines and I have  
48 forwarded those to others. Not an expert on the web site but will  
49 continue to help others continue to get information so we can do our  
50 best.

51 Gordon wants to give all kudos for a job well done. The Senior Center  
52 has offered to be a site for help and to have iPads and helpers that have  
53 probably already had their vaccines. No new information from the  
54 Municipality about when we can open and how to reopen. We look for  
55 its guidance.

56 Maureen says the focus has been on the vaccines and she is reading  
57 items for guidance this morning but not seeing much so far. Hoping for  
58 more information on the Zoom meeting this afternoon. As far as the  
59 Center becoming a source/center, she has bumped that up to Juneau  
60 and senior people.

61 Did talk with John Lee and he said it is up to the Municipality to decide  
62 where the centers will be.

63 Gordon wants to be part of the process and be involved.

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65 Finance Committee/Budget revisions/ Budget Recommendations:

66 Micky Becker: Also added that the operation for the vaccine at the  
67 Alaska Airlines was almost flawless.  
68 Financials you received were as of the end of November we are at net  
69 income of \$49,000. Our fundraising goal is way below but we have been  
70 able to get grants and because of that we are able to keep the Center  
71 running. A fundraising letter was sent out in December and we have  
72 received about \$26,000, one of those 2,500 (see Becky's report plus  
73 grants)  
74 Stephanie: we are doing well because of the grants, net income in Nov:  
75 grant for \$15,000 for the restaurant (Charr).  
76 Three areas are membership is under by about \$4800 about a 50%  
77 decrease which is about what we budgeted for. Fitness about  
78 \$5000 under budget also a 50% reduction of fees. Fundraising:  
79 although we are down for the year, \$78,000. Special events and then  
80 the gaming have significant difference. For direct donations we are  
81 close to normal.  
82 The Charr grant will cover salaries for Nov and Dec and any expenses  
83 for the restaurant. All our bills are being paid and we did receive our  
84 first COVID-19 grant and we are planning a low-income meal plan that  
85 should start this month.  
86 Closed out the grant from the Alaska community foundation and will  
87 see the equipment coming in and will close out the grant this week. Did  
88 over 200 holiday baskets for seniors and veterans. They were incredibly  
89 surprised and grateful.  
90 Micky thanks for making the baskets work, thanks to Kris Warren's  
91 report that the Endowment Fund went over \$5 million which means we  
92 will go from 4% to 5% distribution. Fundraising: we have not had any  
93 events, but a small group of fundraising committee members are still  
94 discussing possible events. We are hoping that there will be a  
95 fundraising event in the fall. Gala in 2022!

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98 ***It was moved by Committee to accept the financial report.***

99 ***Upon vote taken, the motion passed.***

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101 Membership Committee:

102 Paula Pawlowski's monthly report showed 461 members – 2 letters  
103 have been sent out – committee is looking at incentives and possible  
104 discounts to attract new members. Mary questioned if the number  
105 included lifetime memberships – no it did not – they are at 376.

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107 Facilities:

108 Kurt Steinert is excused.

109 Gordon reported progress for constructing process, bidding process is  
110 continuing and hopefully done. Rand Corporation begins work this  
111 spring on the skylight.

112 Health department to review the kitchen upgrades; hopefully will go to  
113 bid next week.

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115 Operations Committee:

116 Mary Shields: nothing new to report currently.

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118 Executive Director Report – Becky Parker

119 Don Heflin has been in hospital since Christmas Eve and he needed a lot  
120 of rest. He is still there but, hopefully, will be home this week and then  
121 will need rest time. Sent him flowers for holidays and his birthday.

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123 Had an AgeSmart Zoom by Brittney and Patrick with 87 viewers. A lot of  
124 fun.

125 Yesterday because of the Executive Committee meeting, met with staff  
126 and will report in February with an update looking at a soft opening.

127 Know that we have 91,000 seniors in Alaska, about 10% of the  
128 population. We are co-sponsors for the ACoA webinar this afternoon.

129 Encouraging staff and seniors to take the vaccine. Hearing a lot of  
130 things that getting the vaccine is the way to save lives.

131 Rasmussen due tomorrow: we are asking for tablets or/and hot spots  
132 for seniors.  
133 AARP on providing tablets proposals. Lots of other ideas in the works.  
134 Still working on the Atwood for oral history of about 30 seniors.  
135 It could take up to 2 years and will be housed at University of Fairbanks.  
136 Paula added that if we go ahead with the Oral History program about  
137 the early Alaskans her family has films archived at UAF and easily  
138 accessible.

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140 **Ad Hoc Committees:**

141 Kitchen Committee Stephanie/Joe Mathis:

142 Take away is about 2 to 6 meals going out but what we are looking at  
143 set time for breakfast and lunch as hot meals but then take away for  
144 dinner. Looking at packaging and sealing equipment that will help  
145 guarantee a better product. The machinery is free for nonprofits so we  
146 would only pay for the actual material. It is a heat-sealing product that  
147 will allow refrigerator or freezer.

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149 Outreach Update:

150 Wanda Peel had no new news to report today.  
151 Gordon suggested that we work with churches to reach seniors for the  
152 vaccine.

153 Safety and Emergency: Paula Pawlowski

154 Julie has set up the Borealis schedules from safety.gov program.

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156 Advocacy: Jim Bailey

157 Had first vaccine shots for all of us very efficient. Jim continues to work  
158 with senior organizations and is involved with AARP advisory group and  
159 AgeNet which has a meeting Thursday at 3 pm.

160 Senior voice, 30 people for breakfast this morning. OPAG (Older Person  
161 Action Group) did become a member of AgeNet. Appreciate the senior  
162 center work during this time.

163 Gordon appreciated cosponsoring the webinar today. AgeNet goes to  
164 Juneau by zoom next month.

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166 **Old Business: no other Old Business**

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169 **New Business:**

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171 Re-open of facility planning & progress (release hold) is still on hold,  
172 still in planning phase.

173 Proposed ASAC Bond: Some of the language has been sent out and it  
174 will be in April vote.

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176 Closing comments:

177 Mary Shields reported that George Walton passed away last Saturday.  
178 He was a great supporter of the Center.

179 Kris Warren recommends get your vaccination and open the doors.

180 Becky Parker thanked staff for helping with food boxes, appointments -  
181 a lot of extra work.

182 Gordon Glaser feels that Alaska has been quicker than many states and  
183 there is still work to be done. State and city leadership has done a good  
184 job.

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186 Adjournment

187 ***Mary Shields moved for adjournment; Micky Becker seconded.***

188 ***Accepted at 11:00am.***

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190 Next BOD Meeting: Wednesday, February 10, 2021

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192 Respectively Submitted;

193 *Paula Pawlowski, Secretary*

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