



Anchorage Senior Activity Center

Minutes for

Board of Director's Meeting

Wednesday February 10th at 10 AM

Via Zoom or Live *

Convene Meeting: 10:05 am Gordon Glaser, President

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Wanda Peel

Guest: Maureen Haggbloom

Agenda Approval:

Agenda was accepted without objections.

Past Minutes

Mary Shields moved to accept minutes as presented.

Joe Mathis seconded

Approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Gordon Glaser reported that the Committee met on Monday with robust discussion to do the re-opening and spring municipality bond issue and we will share when we get to that part of the agenda.

Endowment Report, Kris Warren

First endowment meeting with Kris as chair will take place tomorrow. The account is still doing well.

Report is accept as presented.

MOA Liaison Maureen Haggbloom

ADRC helpline with a huge volume of calls to help 300 Seniors get appointments for the vaccine. The Municipality Health department has been helping seniors get their appointments.

Anchorage ADRC, submitted a draft document related to vaccinations and home bound and how that may look like. Then the Emergency center will look at that plan. Alaska Housing is working on the plan for Chugach Manor and other senior housing. The Senior Center might be a potential site for drive through. The municipality team now has seven members. The rental

44 assistance is released through HUD, but we do not have of the funds yet, but the municipality
45 has released the way to get those funds out.

46 Mary: Walgreens is going to start next Monday is that going to be walk in or appointments.
47 Maureen will follow up.

48 Can we keep record of those that have shots, and can we follow up? Maureen has not seen
49 guidelines about tracking?? Muni is doing a great job of testing sites also and quick turnaround.

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51 **Finance Committee/Budget revisions/ Budget Recommendations– Micky Becker**

52 Finance committee discussed the reports you were emailed and keep in mind that these are as
53 of December so some of the money will be slightly better than before. Thanks to staff that have
54 gotten grants to make up the difference. Year end numbers are good. For the year to date is
55 \$64, 104.17. Year-end journal entries including depreciation and inventory are pending.
56 We had a direct mail campaign in December which brought in new donors and quite a few
57 donations.

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59 *The Finance report was presented by the chair and needs no second. The report was accepted by*
60 *the board as presented.*

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62 Membership Committee – Paula Pawlowski

63 We had 3 new members in January giving us 1,167 current members.

64 We sent a letter to all members touching base with them, telling them what we are working on
65 and included fliers for upcoming events.

66 Looking at the Borealis on page 10 this month for a breakdown of the diversity of our members.

67 One of the goals for the membership committee this year is to increase the diversity of our
68 members by events and activities. We are not sure how we are going to track any increase, but

69 ethnicity questions are on the application for membership but not everyone fills that

70 information out. Please noted that 81.1% of our members identify as Caucasian. 69.7% are

71 Female and 17.43% of our members pay a discounted membership.

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74 Facilities –Kurt Steinert

75 Lobby skylight was finally approved Jan 28th and Rand Construction was awarded the contract.

76 Construction will start mid-June to July. The bidding process will probably take 2 to 3 months to
77 get out so we hope earliest we can see additional construction will probably be not for 3months
78 from now.

79 Steve is doing inhouse plowing so we are saving some money there.

80 Would be helpful to have something for the borealis about how we are spending the previous
81 bond money as we look forward to a new bond request this spring.

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83 Operations Committee – Mary Shields

84 Good shape right now.

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88 Executive Director Report – Becky Parker

89 Thank you to board members and staff. Almost a year of being closed. It has been challenging in
90 many ways. Meals are at no cost but if someone would like to donate it would be welcome.

91 Would like to thank Gordon, Jim, Maureen, Karen for their work to request that the assembly to
92 separate us out of the huge bond request and leave the Library, Chugach Senior Center, and us
93 with a bond package of 1.1 million which will give us a chance to succeed. This will mean
94 \$350,000 for us and the library which they will be able to double their money with a challenge
95 grant. We will be part of the team to pass the bonds, but the library will be the lead. Would like
96 to thank Julie and Stephanie helping with Age Net legislative meetings that are going on today.
97 We have visited with Fields, Begich, McCarty, Jackson, and Drummond. We are getting positive
98 feedback. Even the First timers are indicating they are aware of the needs of seniors.

99 We had a meeting with the National Council on Aging who announced that Alaska is taking the
100 lead on vaccinations. About 40% of the Senior Centers are in the exploration state of reopening
101 but some have reopened and have had to close. We hope to avoid that by being cautious.
102 We are finishing a grant to the Atwood foundation, which will allow about 37 oral histories over
103 the next three years.

104 AgeNet, is an organization with about 40 individual organizations that work with care providers
105 and programs to advocate seniors to live independently. This is less expensive than putting
106 seniors in resident care. These are Professional organizations that work with seniors,
107 membership based for agencies that do senior work. Age Net (Alaska Geriatric Exchange).

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109 Ad Hoc Committees:

110 Kitchen Committee Stephanie Rose /Joe Mathis

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112 We received a grant at the end of the last year to provide food for seniors that will continue
113 through June. The meals are free for people over the age of 60.

114 They can pay whatever they can or get the meal for free. Stephanie will be clarifying the
115 language for January. Donation line and a revenue line. The funding from state grant provides
116 for staff time, only small amount for food costs but we can use CHARR money to subsidize the
117 food. We can also look for other funding to help with the actual cost of meal. Response has
118 been fantastic! Put together a 4-week revolving menu, submitted to nutrition and made slight
119 modifications and changed our menu.

120 United Way grant funding will run out in March. At first, we partnered with Subway, Oriental
121 gardens and now the 49th.

122 What is the status of the punch card because it would indicate that we were charging?
123 How are we communicating with membership? FB page periodically send out email, to keep
124 seniors informed then we are sending weekly Constant Contacts with next week's menu.

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126 Safety and Emergency – Paula Pawlowski

127 Safety corner page 11 reviews information to keep yourself safe during winter weather.
128 Prepare for a variety of weather possibilities, loss of power, hypothermia, and frostbite. Stay
129 Safe.

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132 Advocacy- Jim Bailey

133 Involved in Agenet for advocacy this week as well as AARP as a volunteer. Juneau Fairbanks and
134 Wasilla senior centers are all, trying to figure out how to move forward. Waiting on vaccines,
135 and staff concerns. Still holding providers breakfast by Zoom, we had 17 providers this morning.
136 Appreciate all the work by staff. The assembly gave David Walsh a resolution for his work on
137 the Senior Voice.

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140 **Old Business:**

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143 **New Business:**

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145 Re-open of facility planning & progress (Manager's presentations)

146 Becky is talking about Phase 1 somewhere around April 15-to May 1st. Will reassess if things
147 need to. We will need to hire and train greeters to follow the protocols. Phase one means
148 appointment only.

149 We would like to have a slow opening and get outside as soon as possible.

150 Our virtual programming is going well. If we can do curbside vaccination it would be helpful to
151 get all vaccinated. Will be doing a survey to find out how comfortable people are about coming
152 back.

153 Kris Warren asked what phase one consists of.

154 Fitness area, by appointment, 1 at a time per hour then an hour to reclean. We want to be able
155 to do what we say we can, keeping them safe, take temperature, sign them in give a short
156 lecture of what are the procedures. No large groups. Food service will still be curbside.

157 Medicare can only take face to face appointments with about 4 people a day. Computer lab
158 must be 6ft apart and clean in between.

159 We are not ready to open March 15th, we need more staff and training. Becky will be gone
160 February 19 to March 4th. Staff feels comfortable to try April/May.

161 Mary asked if we could require first aid by all staff which would allow them to reclassify as first
162 responders to get their vaccine sooner.

163 Gordon talked about some that worked at the ASD, and there was discussion on what was
164 direct contact rather than those that potentially having contact.

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166 ***Paula Pawlowski moved to do a soft opening about April 15th as recommended by the***
167 ***executive director.***

168 ***Judy Brady seconded.***

169 Discussion continued of Phase One.

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171 ***Gordon Glaser moves to table the discussion.***

172 ***Joe Mathis seconded.***

173 Opposed: Kurt Steinert, Judy Brady, and Mickey Becker.

174 The Chair rules the Ayes have it.

175 Motion carries. Subject to bring it back in March.

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Any board comments:

Tom feels that the board has its priorities straight.

Joe wishes Becky a great vacation and appreciate your help for receiving my vaccination.

Mary is making the presumption that Becky has full permission to find the people that we need to have to open. Have a great vacation.

Stephanie has been receiving updated information on where the vaccinations are held so she has passing them on.

Becky, thanks everyone and recognizes that this is a strong board but works well.

Gordon the board has given us a clear path. And we need to get those extra staff, construction, bond issues.

Thank you.

Proposed ASAC Bond support

We have been asked to support the bond campaign #2 1.1 million (\$350,000.00)

Micky Becker moved to allow \$5000.00 to support the passage of the spring bond.

Mary Shield seconded.

No objection, motion passes.

Adjournment

Jim Baily moved to adjourn at 11:38 a.m.

Joe Mathis seconded.

Motion passes.

Next BOD Meeting: Wednesday, March 10th