

PETALUMA SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
211 NOVAK DRIVE, PETALUMA, CA
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 13, 2008 MEETING

Call to order: 10:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence to honor our servicemen and women.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Bill Greene, Chair; Lorraine McEvoy, Secretary; Rene Hughes, William B. Jones, and Pat Wapp.

ABSENT: David Yearsley, Parks & Recreation Commission

STAFF PRESENT: Don Streeper

GUEST OBSERVER: Ruth Maniscolo

GUEST COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: With reference to the July 9, 2008 minutes, William B. Jones noted an error under Old Business. Instead of “No” response, the last sentence is corrected to read: “Low” response to the request for sponsorship will justify raising the price for vendor tables. The minutes are approved as corrected and placed on file.

STAFF REPORT:

>Newsletter-Don: As usual, Jessica has done a great job on the August newsletter. September’s issue will have a swim supplement for summer with more information about the swim program at the Cavanagh Center on 8th and G Streets in Petaluma. SAC members agreed that Jessica’s work should be acknowledged. Thank you, Jessica, we really appreciate all you do for the Senior Center.

>Membership-Don: They will put a “Thank you” on the sign-up board for Senior Club members who joined or renewed their membership in 2008.

>Planning/Travel-Don: They are looking at cheaper trips closer to home. Rising gas prices are excessive and have greatly affected transportation costs. Chairman Bill Greene said he would look into the problem. Bill knows someone at Airport Express and he will inquire as to costs and a possible donation. He hopes to get more trips, such as ball games. In addition, he’ll try to get a driver to donate his/her time.

With reference to publicizing coming events, Don said, “In case anyone hasn’t noticed, we have a bulletin board in the lobby.” Referring to the subject of meetings and attendance, Pat Wapp said part of the problem of non-attendance is that people forget. We need a telephone committee whose sole purpose is to remind members or trip participants of the pending event/trip and provide details, as needed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

>Cookbook Update-Lorraine: Lorraine had nothing to report. Pat Wapp has placed more books at several vendors. Also, Amy Johnson helped out by selling cookbooks at the Wednesday night Farmer’s Market event. Don suggested the committee plan to set up tables at supermarkets; the best day is on a Saturday. Plan to ask the manager at G&G Market for a day in September. Pat Wapp knows the manager at Lucky’s; she will ask about a Saturday date in November for setting up a table for cookbook sales.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

>SAC Applications: Two more members are needed for the Senior Advisory Committee. An application form can be obtained from the City Clerk’s office. Don was informed on August 11 by Claire Cooper, City Clerk, that although Bruce Blinn was appointed to the Senior Advisory Committee at the August 4 Council meeting for a two-year term, as well as being appointed to the Technology and Telecommunications Advisory Committee, Mr. Blinn prefers to serve only on the Tech/Tel Committee. Mr. Blinn will not be joining us on the SAC Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

>RSVP recognition lunch: Don said we will have a motor coach for twenty (20) to transport the Senior Center volunteers to the RSVP Luncheon in Rohnert Park on September 4th. Lorraine

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suggested there may be more than 25 passengers. Don said that getting a bigger bus is not a problem.

>**Continuation of the SAC or back to Committee?** Should the SAC report to the City or be an ad-hoc committee? Members should think about what works for you and the population we are serving. This item has been tabled for discussion at the September meeting.

>**Donations for troops–Pat Wapp:** Pat wants a sign-up list of members to help with this project. She has a shopping list of items needed by the troops. If you have anyone in the service, give Pat the information and she will see that he/she gets a package. Donations to cover postage costs would be appreciated. At a later date, help will be needed to box donated items for mailing. Also, the troops need letters of support. This information should be in the September newsletter. Don Streeper suggested sending a notice to all city employees.

OLD BUSINESS:

>**Senior Expo in October-Don:** Everything is proceeding as planned. He'd like to have members selling cookbooks at the Expo.

Add Items from Senior Advisory Committee members for discussion at our next meeting on Wednesday, September 10, 2008, must be received in writing ten (10) days prior to the scheduled SAC meeting. Don's email address is dstreeper@ci.petaluma.ca.us.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine McEvoy, Secretary
August 28, 2008

THE NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2008, AT 10:00 A.M.