



## **MINUTES**

### **North Little Rock Senior Citizens Commission**

**January 22, 2018, 3:00 PM**

**Hays Center**

The Senior Citizens Commission meeting was called to order by Virginia Raum at 3:00 PM.

Present were: Virginia Raum, Marleene Calvin, Murry Witcher, Eddie Powell, Robert Barnes, Belinda Snow, and Dorothy Romes. A quorum was declared.

Absent were Dick Blankenbeker and Dick Giddings. Eddie Powell made a motion to excuse Dick Blankenbeker. Belinda Snow seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Eddie Powell to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Belinda Snow. Motion passed unanimously.

Hays Center Director, Bernadette Rhodes, gave a brief overview of the financial information and bank accounts reporting that all financials are in good order. She discussed that a few of Senior Citizens Outreach's CDs will mature in 2018. The Commission directed Ms. Rhodes to check with the Finance Department on the bid process for CDs. Murry Witcher made a motion to accept the financial information, which was seconded by Marleene Calvin. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Rhodes gave a program update, including a review of her staff report to the Mayor. Activities in the past month included:

- The Center will be closed for MLK Day
- Black History Month:
  - Luncheon, Poetry, Artifacts
  - Pop-Up History in the gallery

Ms. Rhodes informed the Commission in regards to building maintenance.

- Will get price quote for a second arm curl machine.
- Formulating improvement plan for 2018, seeking input from Commission.

A motion was made by Eddie Powell to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Murry Witcher. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Prepared by Cherihan Sbait, Hays Center Staff

Approved by Belinda Snow, Secretary



**Memo To:**

**North Little Rock Senior Citizens Commission**

**From: Bernadette Gunn Rhodes**

**Memo Date: January 17, 2018**

Happy New Year! We had a quiet two weeks during Christmas and New Year's, but attendance and new/renewing members have picked up again and we are gearing up for a fun and busy 2018.

We've had several people approach us about volunteering to teach different subjects, so we are currently taking signups for new activities such as crocheting, chess, and drawing. Baptist Health is offering a diabetes prevention class. It's a one-year commitment, so naturally signups have been slow. Charley and I are leading a glass art class together on January 25<sup>th</sup>, and planning a snorkeling class for the end of February.

In addition to new activities, we are highly focused on new programs and events for 2018. For the first time, we are celebrating Black History Month in a big fashion, with two historical exhibits, art, and a luncheon and program planned by our very own Dorothy Romes. The program will feature stories, songs and poetry by several Hays Center members and members' family. Bob Spencer will donate a beautiful painting of Little Rock's "Dreamland" ballroom in honor of Black History Month. The luncheon will take place on Tuesday, February 6 at 11:00 AM, and you are all invited. Tickets are \$5.

The Black History Month exhibits are: "Black Women: Achievements Against the Odds" (1/29-2/11) and "Arkansas African American Legislators, 1868-1893 (2/22-3/2). Both will be set up in the gallery.

Also in February, we will celebrate Mardi Gras at the Hays Center! On Tuesday, February 13, at 10:50 AM, the Hays Center "Krewe" will parade through the Center and into the ballroom for a Cajun lunch and entertainment by the Bob Boyd Dixieland Band. King Charley and Queen Bernadette request your presence. Tickets are \$8.

Regarding the Center facility, I would like to price out some possible repairs and renovations for 2018. I am seeking recommendations, but would also like to propose a few ideas myself, such as painting the ballroom walls and replacing door frames in the women's locker room.

I look forward to seeing you on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Patrick Henry Hays Senior Citizens Center  
and  
Mayor's Office of Volunteer Services**

**Monthly Report  
January 2018**

**Member Statistics**

- Our members logged 9,947 visits to the Hays Center.
- 73 new members joined the Hays Center this month for a total of 3,420 active members.
- New members: 30 African American, 42 Caucasian, and 1 Hispanic.
- The majority of new members were female (45 females and 28 males).
- The youngest 5 people to join this month were 50. The oldest was 76.

**Deposits**

- \$2,435 in new member fees
- \$8,850 in renewal fees
- \$2,275 in rental fees
- \$607 in trip fees
- \$205 in lunch revenue
- **TOTAL: \$14,372**

**Activities**

- Hosted the Arkansas League of Artists exhibit in the gallery.
- Black Women's Achievements Exhibit.
- Governor's Advisory Council on Aging held meeting at the Center.
- Glass art class with Charley.
- KATV segment with on water aerobics class with volunteer instructor Pat Jackson.
- Baptist Health started a year-long diabetes prevention class at the Center.

## **Facility**

- Issues related to the cold: HVAC unit for offices needed \$3,600 repair. Light covering on patio shattered.
- Aerobics pool needed new pump and new acid chemical distribution pump. Will need to replace sand in filter tanks soon.
- Climate control in pool needed new condenser fan motor for \$1,350.
- Ordered new arm curl machine from Keiser Corp. This was one of the few weight machines we only had one of, and it gets a lot of use.

## **Trips**

- We provided a total of 14 trips, transporting a total of 99 people and collecting a total of \$710 in trip fees.
- After fuel, meal, and driver costs, we lost \$640 on our transportation program.
- Hays Center trips went to the Bryant Senior Center, Swan Lake, Murry's Dinner Playhouse, and to Des Arc for Dondie's White River Princess Restaurant.
- Public senior housing residents traveled to medical appointments (5 trips), Goodwill (1 trip), and grocery stores (4 trips).

## **Rentals**

- We did not have any rentals this month.

## **Mayor's Office of Volunteer Services**

- Hays Center volunteers reported 1,131 hours this month.
- We received 11 new volunteer applications.