Senior Citizens Commission Meeting
Minutes for May 23, 2016

The North Little Rock Senior Citizens Commission met on May 23, 2016 at the Hays Center. Chairman Dick Blankenbeker called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Virginia Raum was absent. A motion was made by Murry Witcher and second by Robert Barnes to approve an excused absence for Commissioner Raum. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dick Giddings with a second by Robert Barnes to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2016 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial reports were distributed with the board packet. Charley Baxter reported that there are no financial issues at this time and that income and expenses are within the annual budget parameters. Mr. Baxter also noted that a CD was cashed to replenish funds for the Sr. Citizens Outreach Services checking account. Commissioner Blankenbeker asked about the funding raised through the Diamond Tours trip. According to Mr. Baxter, it broke even.

A motion was made by Eddie Powell to accept the financial report. Dick Giddings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Program Update
The board received a written program update date from Mr. Baxter dated May 18, 2016. Mr. Baxter supplemented the report with the following discussion:

1) The budget did not include capital expenses for the center. A roof leak near the front entrance has caused bubbling on the roof and will cost about $3500 for initial abatement. Ultimately in about 5-8 years the roof will need more extensive work. Commissioner Powell asked Commissioner Witcher if funding could be set aside for the roof in the future, to which the answer was “yes.”

2) The ballroom lighting and sound system is outdated and not working optimally. The parts to repair the problem are hard to find. For now staff is using manual buttons to operate the system.

3) Currently a temporary worker is filling in for the regular maintenance employee.

4) The Hays Center continues to be a model facility. Representatives from Maumelle and the State Highway Department toured the facility on May 23.

Dick Blankenbeker adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Belinda Snow
Secretary