

Senior Activities Committee

Minutes

March 18, 2025

Senior Resources of West Michigan

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jessica Cook, Kim Cyr, Rachel Cereska, Peggy Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Robert Sewick, and Greg Scott

Excused: Chris McGuigan and Linda Vines

Also Present: Kathy Moore, Nancy Bramer and Sonja Crenshaw (County of Muskegon); Uvett Brown, Amy Florea and Lisa Tyler (Senior Resources); Christopher Cross (Living Word Church); and Bob Hires (City of Montague)

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES OF October 15, 2024

It was moved by Cyr, supported by Cook to approve the October 15, 2024 meeting minutes. *Motion carried.*

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES OF February 18, 2025

It was moved by Cyr, supported by Scott to approve the February 18, 2025 meeting minutes. *Motion carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

2025 COMMITTEE OFFICER NOMINATION

- A. Committee Chair It was moved by Hovey-Wright, supported by Cook to appoint Rachel Cereska as the Committee Chair. *Motion carried.*
- B. Vice Chair It was moved by Cereska, supported by Cook to appoint Marcia Hovey-Wright as the Committee Vice Chair. *Motion carried.*

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Updates from Kathy Moore: There have been no action items the last few months.
- B. Fund Balance Update: Moore presented the fund balance update and informed the committee that in FY24 expenses were less than budgeted so it's anticipated that there will be an additional \$959,594. The committee previously indicated that at least five percent should remain in fund balance.
- C. Quarterly Reports: Brown presented the quarterly report. Handouts were provided to committee members.
- D. Updates from Committee Members: Foster shared that the events are going strong and there have been more participants than there were previously.

SCHEDULED MATTERS: None

- A. Service Pledge: Crenshaw provided committee members with the County of Muskegon Board/Commission/Committee Service Pledge and requested members to review and return signed copies.
- B. Policy and Procedure Updates: Brown shared that the updated policy and procedure is available on the Senior Resources senior millage website and that there were minor changes.
- C. Provider Request for Current Fiscal Year (FY25): Cross addressed the committee regarding Living Word Church's request for additional funds for Snow Removal services. Living Word Church is requesting \$15,180.50 to cover the additional costs to plow for the remainder of the 2024/2025 season. *It was moved by Hovey-Wright, supported by Cyr to recommend approving the Living Word Church request for additional funds as presented. Discussion: Cereska asked for clarification as the quarterly report showed they hadn't expended their available funds in December 2024. Cross stated January 2025 has been their busiest month and they've had to utilize lawn care funds as they exceeded what was originally awarded. Motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS: None**AGENDA ITEMS FOR APRIL 15 2025 MEETING**

- A. Annual Report
- B. Provider Requests for Current Fiscal Year (FY25)
- C. Provider Highlights
 - a. Boys & Girls Club
 - b. Catholic Charities of West Michigan
 - c. SafeSeniors

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

- A. Bob Hires, Mayor Pro-Tem of Montague City indicated that he was here to educate himself on the senior millage and how funds are distributed. Moore shared that 75% of the senior millage goes through the RFP grant process and 25% has been allocated to the municipalities. Some municipalities felt that they were being excluded and wanted to assure their seniors were being served. The municipalities are not required to utilize the funds. Hires stated that transportation is a concern and he doesn't feel there is help for all only those that can help themselves. Moore shared that Bob Scolnik and others wanted to assure that all seniors were included, not only those with financial concerns. Transportation, nutrition, and home repairs are the top concerns across the county, but we have limited funds. Tyler stated that even if we used all of the mileage funds for any one of those, we still wouldn't have enough funds to address the need. Florea shared that Senior Resources is mandated to be part of the planning for seniors as the area agency on aging and offered to provide the information from their research to the City of Montague. Cyr stated that others have been doing research too, recently there was a presentation at the Whitehall City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Cyr, supported by Cook to adjourn the meeting at 10:48. Motion carried.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.,

Senior Resources of West Michigan, 560 Seminole Rd., Norton Shores, MI 49444

Submitted by: Sonja Crenshaw