

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF SENIOR CENTERS
Board of Directors Meeting
March 20, 2009

1. Meeting called to order at 10:20 am by President Linda Combs.
 - a. Present: Rina Chemin, Linda Combs, Kelly Arndt, Aaron Simonton, Rachel Zagaroli, Dawn White, Sue Laity, Tom Oosterbaan, Sue Koivula, Scott Crawford, Rhonda Ziethlow
 - b. Absent: Alice Andrews, Gayle Reed, Larry Erlandson
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Scott Crawford for approval of agenda, second by Sue Laity, motion carried.
3. **Minutes:** Motion to approve January 2009 minutes by Kelly Arndt, second by Sue Koivula, motion carried.
4. **Financial Report:** Sue Koivula reported we changed from the mercantile Bank to Comerica Bank. Assets include \$9,057.56 in the checking and \$21,668.83 in the National City Bank CD, \$20,522.31 in the National City Money Market for a total of \$51,248.70. Motion by Aaron to accept, second by Sue Laity, motion carried. Linda Combs is going to go through the minutes to check on stipend checks and will report at the next meeting.
5. **Correspondence:** Letter received from Michigan Non-Profit for the yearly renewal of \$150. Move by Aaron, second by Tom, motion carried. Check to NCOA for \$1,000 to be sent for our participation for the contest we entered. Monroe Center took the State Award and Traverse City the National. Congratulations to both for a job well done!
6. **Committee Reports;**
 - a. **Membership:** Larry Erlandson sent a report stating MASC now have 100 centers as members.
 - b. **Public Relations:** Dawn White reported on the cruise taken as a MASC fundraiser. Total of 39 participants traveled on the trip from eight senior centers. Total funds raised were \$5,350 with MASC receiving \$1,800 and the remaining \$3,550 divided among the eight senior centers. Few problems with Carnival Cruise but was a successful program. **Discussion** followed about insurance for board members. Aaron moved to do research for MASC board to have the insurance, second by Sue Koivula, motion carried. Great job to Dawn for her work on the cruise fundraiser and is planning a trip for 2010. Aaron read letter from Jim McGuire about travel in MI and the importance of keeping travel in MI and working together with the senior centers and Area Agency on Aging. Aaron will work with Dawn to investigate this venture. Dawn will start working soon on MASC memo's with Larry Erlandson. Dawn is also working on a promo video for the cruise. Rhonda Ziethlow asked about more color for our web-site and possible change in the MASC logo. Much discussion followed with a committee to be formed to look more thoroughly at this. The committee will consist of Rina, Rhonda, Kelly and Tom.

- c. **Conference:** Location of the conference will again be Crystal Mountain on November 4, 5 and 6th. Rhonda reported the Spa will be open for use, the committee members will be the same as last year (Rhonda, Rachel, Sue K, Sue L, Lori and Larry). It was decided the vendors will be at the conference on Thursday only, will have raffle drawings at the end of the day and have the same location set up as last year. Ideas for programs were Amazing Race (Lori), Travel MI, Donation program. Discussion about the budget for the conference with motion by Rina, second by Aaron for a budget of \$25,000. Motion carried. Conference committee will meet and bring back ideas to the board. Rhonda felt if we had an admin this person could do much of the work such as mailings, reports, running around during the conference that takes up so much of the chairs time. Each chair could find their own person (with board approval) in their area for support work. Each chair would need to present their needs for hours and fee's.
- d. **Legislative:** Kelly Arndt asked if the board has any questions or issues to please let her know. Much discussion followed about board members contacting their politicians with concerns about senior issues/senior centers.
- e. **Standards:** Rina reported renewals are due by June. The board discussed about making changes in the certification requirements so more people could be able to apply. Committee of Rina, Linda C and Rachel will meet to discuss and bring back to the board. Rina also spoke about a clothing line for MASC members such a vest, jackets, hats.
- f. **NISC:** No report, Gayle is attending a conference.
- g. **Advocacy:** Aaron talked about letting legislative body know people are using senior centers and the good they do. Something must be done soon in the next 23-18 months or all will be lost. Aaron passed out cards with Digital TV conversions information from NCOA/NISC. Aaron felt we should get information from MASC members about what is happening in their senior centers/senior services. Aaron would like to send a survey out to all. Sue K added MRPA conference will be in Grand Rapids this year and they are interested in MASC doing a pre-conference with them. Sue suggested a committee of herself, Rachel, Rina, Rhonda, and Linda.

7. Old Business

- a. **Bylaws:** Motion by Aaron to accept the changes in the by-laws and to approve, second by Tom, motion carried.
8. Member share time
 - a. Rhonda discussed their newsletter
 9. Next meetings dates: May 15, July 17, September 18 and Conference, Nov. 4th, 5th and 6th at Crystal Mtn.

Motion by Aaron to adjourn at 1:50, second by Rina, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Rachel Zagaroli, SDC
Secretary