

Milford Senior Center Board

of the City of Milford, NE

August 8th, 2024

Call to Order at 12:30 p.m..

ROLL CALL: Mary Wiese, Joyce Daake, Marian Eicher, Diane Kemper, Kelly Haney

Others Present: Mystii Lauer – Senior Center Manager, Kelli Keib – Council Liaison, Arlene Moritz, Mike Moritz, Susan Trabert, George Matzen

Open Meeting Act Requirement met. Marian noted changes to the Open Meeting Act which are posted, Susan Trabert asked what the changes were, Marian read the changes regarding providing a time on the agenda for public comment.

Minutes from June 13th, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as written Diane K./Mary W.; Approved

REPORTS

Managers' report: Mystii states copies were made, the report is self-explanatory, and she asked if anyone had any questions? Diane K. commented that she could see why the budget was increased because of maintenance for the building.

Mary W. asked if the city could just remove the tree to help maintain the building vs gutter guards without pursuing the parking lot.

Kelli K mentioned that the tree as we all know is causing foundation problems. Mystii will contact Gary to see if removing the city has plans to remove the tree (along with others in the city) or if he would like Mystii to contact companies to remove the tree.

Mystii and the board thanked George Matzen for cleaning the gutters.

Marian asks if anyone has any more questions regarding the manager's report.

Motion to approve the manager's report for June and July Mary W./Joyce D.

Financial Report

Diane K. commented that we need to promote building rental, we need to get out there and do some PR, we are behind rentals according to the budget.

Mystii commented that the budget meeting went, if we continue as we are then we will be \$6000 above board which has not happened in years. The council approved the requested budget for 2024/2025 and, after conversation, increased the building maintenance line item by \$5,000. due to tree, gutter, water in the basement issues that need to be addressed.

Motion to accept financial report as written Diane K./Kelly H.; Approved

New Business

A recommendation of increasing the price of our fundraisers to \$10, some conversation that other facilities in the area are also around that price point.

Diane K. states she likes the increase to \$10, it's well in line with the cost of food.

Marian voices agreement.

Mary W. also comments that the price of \$10 also includes dessert, which would be an added cost when going out to eat.

Mystii reminds people that our fundraisers are successful because of all those who volunteer whether it is helping with the work, donating money, bringing food, or simply just coming in to eat.

Kelli K. asks about the cost of ice for the fundraisers, Mystii answers that it is typically around \$40.

Motion to approve the increase in price of fundraisers to \$10 per meal Diane K./Joyce D.;
Approved

Mystii introduces George Matzen to explain the center's sound system and what we could do to better it.

George explains the center has old technology, very, very old. The TV is doing okay, but it is vibrating a bit, maybe able to tighten some screws to help with that. Microphone and amplifier were done according to how they would've been done in the 1990s. It's complicated, the more people that use the system the more complicated it becomes. We could consider getting a new amplifier that also does karaoke, also getting a 70-mile range antenna. We could also get a switch for multiple zones so we could adjust the volume around the room according to our needs. The estimated cost would be around \$1000. George would volunteer his time to install. He goes on to say that he suspects the wiring is probably in need of some updating as well. Speakers would cost approximately \$5000. Keep in mind we can do this project in increments.

Diane asks if that would qualify for capital outlay.

Kelli K. asks if it would be possible to add microphones for the board meeting so we wouldn't have to pass around one microphone to everyone, George said he would check to see what we could do.

Marian asks if that system could be used for entertainers when they come. George states yes, it would work for anyone who needs to use a microphone.

Diane asks about cost, George states it would cost approximately \$500.

Mary W. asks if we need to replace the DVD player? George said he would investigate it and make sure we have sound, may need to upgrade to Blue Ray.

Kelli K. also suggests that we may be able to purchase a sound bar.

George said he will keep it simple and even provide training if needed on running the system. The board thanks George for his time and assistance with the sound system.

Motion to approve and pursue moving forward up to the cost of up to \$2500 for renovating the sound system. Mary W./Diane K.; Approved

Old Business

Great Western accepted and signed the dining proposal

Motion to send signed proposal for \$7.21 per meal to the City Council. Mary W./Kelly H.; Approved

Public Comment

George Matzen suggests that maybe at some point the center try a Free Will Donation lunch fundraiser. He has found that to be successful at the library, people are generous.

Susan T. states that she knows that Utica has had success with Free will donation fundraisers.

Marian checks with all in attendance to make sure there are no other public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting, Kelly H. /Joyce D.; Approved.

Next meeting will be Thursday, September 5th at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Haney