

Regular Board Meeting
April 15, 2025, 4:30pm @ 4388 W M-72 HWY, Grayling

The meeting was called to order at 4:32pm by Karl Schreiner.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Karl Schreiner, Sandy Woods, Jason Thompson, Cheryl Wolken, and Mark Ostahowski.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Laurie Jamison and Shannon Sorenson absent with notice.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Brian McLaughlin, Lorelei King, Glenn King, Brooke Mainville, Sydney Funnell, and Lynn Cheney.

The Pledge of Allegiance led by Schreiner. A prayer was offered by Schreiner.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

AGENDA:

Motion by Wolken to approve the agenda for April 15, 2025, supported by Ostahowski. Ayes (5) five, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES:

Motion by Ostahowski, to approve the minutes dated March 18, 2024, supported by Woods. Ayes (5) five, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Discussed the financial report

Motion by Ostahowski, to accept and file the financial report dated February 28, 2025, supported by Wolken. Ayes (5) five, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Director McLaughlin has received information from the Union. Todd Lako is the Union Chairperson and Tammy Findlay is the Union Steward.

REPORTS:

A. Northeast Michigan Regional Council on Aging – Scott Ulery

Not present. Mainville stated that they started to make an RAC report that will be emailed out. Tammy Dean is the new long-term ombudsman.

B. Michigan Senior Advocates Council (MASC) – Lorelei King

King passed out flyers on Older Michiganders Day, Silver Key Coalition, and MI Choice. Discussed the 4ami website where you can do the advocacy forms. King plans on going down in April and May, to advocate for older adult funding. King would like to live stream it in the conference room.

C. Directors Report

Discussed the Directors report. Director McLaughlin discussed the ice storm, and how the staff and community came together to help the older adults in their time of need. King would like the story to go to the Older Michiganders Day. The kitchen was rented out for \$1,250.

Motion by Woods, to receive and file the director's report, supported by Wolkens. Ayes (5) five, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Dinner vs Breakfast

Direct McLaughlin discussed the number of participants for dinner. The average is ten. I would like a motion to start breakfast in May.

Motion by Thompson, to start breakfast on May 5th for a two-month trial period, supported by Ostahowski. Ayes (5) five, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

Thompson is talking to Wayne Koppa about building a foundation and getting seed money.

NEW BUSINESS:

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

Ostahowski stated that he was taken back a little bit at the last meeting with the comments from Church. I thought about them and it was very valuable to hear that perhaps there is sentiment out there that perhaps all the decisions that made aren't made in the best interest in the seniors in this county. He thought that perhaps we were extending the facility to youth and others in the determinant of the seniors. Just to know that the possibility of that sentiment out there exists is very important, because it certainly isn't true. We want to make sure that gets squelched, and it gets talked about. That we are considering expanding the facility for under 60 people and people who are not seniors is to generate revenue and help the function of the center to do what it needs to do.

Woods stated that he seemed to listen to what we said, and what our rational was. Fundraising and expanding services for seniors. He listened to us.

Changing the name would need to be explained as to why and handled carefully, and that it will not take away from this being a senior center and a place for seniors.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

King asked the board members to look into the MI Choice and Silver Key Coalition.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Woods, Secretary

Recorded by Lynn Cheney