

Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board

Minutes

Meeting Monday January 23, 2023

Chuck Marinec, Chairman, called a meeting of the Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board to order on January 23, 2023 at 9:00 am. Self-Intros made for recording purposes. Meeting held at the Historic Courthouse Room 309, 840 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri.

Board Members Present: Chuck Marinec, Denny Pilant, Joyce Munden, Bobbie Wurst, Mike Jungers and Judith Billings

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: Deborah Allen, Greg Burris (United Way), Samantha Steury (Gillioz), Sharon Alexander (Legal Services) and Trenton Sims (Council of Churches)

Meeting Minutes: December 7, 2022. Approved with the necessary corrections pointed out by Mike Jungers. Motion to approve Minutes made by Mike Jungers. Seconded by Denny Pilant. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report for December 31, 2022 was presented by Denny Pilant. Total Cash Balance as of the end of December is \$1,134,993.30. Property Tax Revenue is \$153,556.54, Bank/Investment \$1,039.74 with a Total Revenue of \$154,596.28 the YTD Revenue is \$2,922,537.81. Total Expenditures \$226,327.57 the YTD Expenditures is \$2,973,589.57 with Checks issued: Debbie Allen (5), OATS, Jordan Valley Health Center (2), Rogersville Senior Center and Springfield Southside Seniors. Total Ending Balance \$1,313,262.01. Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by Bobbie Wurst. Seconded by Mike Jungers. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

Presentation: United Way of the Ozarks (Give 5 Program) – Greg Burris

Requesting funds in the amount of \$37,090.00 (little less than last years request). The funds requested will cover a portion of the expenses associated with delivery of the Give 5 Program in 2023, including the program coordinator, participant recruitment, transportation, graduations with tumblers and lapel pins, web site hosting/maintenance, classroom rental, office supplies and data collection/analysis. Representatives from the Give 5 Program were invited to present the program during the November 14th meeting of MoALSO (Missouri Association of Levy Boards & Senior Organizations) meeting. United Way successfully transition to a new Give 5 Program Coordinator (Renie McClay, a Give 5 graduate) following the retirement of Sony Hocklander. United Way will continue to analyze the impact of the program on participants and our community in 2023, using data collected from all program years.

Motion to approve made by Denny Pilant. Seconded by Mike Jungers. Motion carried.

Presentation: Gillioz Center for Arts & Entertainment – Samantha Steury

Requesting funds in the amount of \$63,000.00. The funds will be used for the Midweek Matinees for 2023, with an extended season, and raised expectations for attendance after a very successful, but short, trial-series in 2022. To contribute to the cognitive health of seniors, the Gillioz developed a Mid-Week Matinee series that includes popular movies from over the years that have been considered seniors favorites. It helps to stimulate memory and brain activity they have added an interactive pre-show trivia program that challenges attendees to remember facts from the year that the movie showing was released. The nostalgic programming is enhanced by the historic theatre surrounds. By the end of the short series in 2022 seniors were begging for more, so it was determined to extend the series and run alternate Wednesdays from February through November 2023. Seniors must provide an acceptable ID showing age and address (verifying a Greene County employee).

Motion to approve made by Joyce Munden. Seconded by Bobbie Wurst. Motion carried.

Presentation: Legal Services of Southern Missouri (LSSM) – Sharon Alexander

Requesting funds in the amount of \$60,000.00. The funds requested for this project will provide for three components:

- ❖ Community Education
- ❖ Individual Assistance
- ❖ Systemic Advocacy to protect senior citizens

They would address legal issues related to vulnerable adults 60 years of age and older whose financial situations do not allow them to resolve their legal problems. These senior citizens generally have multiple problems related to poverty, poor physical and/or mental health, lack of education, domestic violence or disabilities. Aging, lower-limited incomes and other factors make the elderly a vulnerable population ripe for victimization. Legal Services will utilize the funds provided for legal guidance and direct legal representative will vary depending upon the type of legal problem. The funds would also be used to provide extensive education. The challenge is to make legal information readily available to senior citizens and their advocates in Greene County. The project will build upon existing organizational resources and strengths to educate seniors on key legal. The programs will focus on health care planning issues including advance directives, health care benefits issues, nursing home care issues, financial exploitation and abuse and issues related to estate planning. Legal Services will also look to address exploitation issues such as predatory lending and will focus on elder abuse issues such as physical, sexual, emotional, psychological, neglect and financial. These funds will allow Legal Services to conduct at least three (3) training events on elder rights. The target population will be low-income senior citizens over age 60 living in Greene County.

Motion to approve made by Denny Pilant. Seconded by Judith Billings. Motion carried.

Presentation: Council of Churches of the Ozarks, Inc. – Trenton Sims

Requesting funds in the amount of \$188,000.00. The requested amount would help to support the Council of Churches programs for seniors. Funds received would enable seniors to:

- ❖ Understand their rights as residents of long-term care facilities and maintain their dignity during the golden years. Ombudsman volunteers are available to receive complaints and advocate on their behalf.
- ❖ Engage in meaningful volunteer work
- ❖ Sustain daily nutritional needs as recipients of the senior food box program, CFSP box program, senior holiday food baskets and grocery services for homebound individuals
- ❖ Avoid homelessness through overnight care at Safe to Sleep and daily case management services designed to promote housing stability
- ❖ Access incontinence supplies with dignity

The Council of Churches would implement services for seniors under the umbrella programs of Crosslines, Safe to Sleep, the AmeriCorps RSVP program and Ombudsman program. Funds will be leveraged alongside the Commodities Supplemental Food Program for seniors in partnership with Ozarks Food Harvest. Emergency Solutions grant from HUD and the AmeriCorps RSVP grant from CNCS and a contract with SeniorAge to provide Ombudsman services in Greene County.

Motion to approve with a modified amount of \$158,000.00 by Denny Pilant. Seconded modified amount of by Judith Billings. Motion carried of modified amount pending a corrected budget sheet from the Council of Churches being submitted.

No Presentation made: The Strafford Senior Center Food Enhancement

Requesting \$8,000.00 for Food Enhancement Program. These funds would help to make a big difference in the lives of the seniors. Strafford wants to make the meals served great by adding special touches, preparing a special menu for the day or vegetables and fruits for the salad bar. The Board discussed the need for this funding.

Motion to approve made by Bobbie Wurst. Seconded by Joyce Munden. Motion carried pending additional information to be provided by the Center. Income statements, Employer Identification number, State of MO Certification of Incorporation 501.3 Insurance and Limited Exemption Sales/Use Tax.

Communications:

Chuck Marinec mentioned the next MoAlso meeting that would be on the Sunshine Law and suggested benefits to watch barring any time constraints. The purchase of a new conference phone was addressed, since it was approved what is the timeline.

9:50 A.M. moved to adjourn by Mike Jungers. Bobbie Wurst seconded. Motion Carried.

Next meeting February 27, 2023 – Location: Historic Courthouse, Room 309. If, additional people are in attendance, a waiting area with appropriate social distancing will be available.

Minutes submitted by: Deborah Allen