**Senior Advisory Board Meeting**

**Minutes, July 11, 2024 9:30 AM**

**Normal Township Activity and Recreation Center**

**600 E. Willow, Normal, IL 61761**

**Members Present:** Chair Deb Shaw, Laura Bailey, Michael Fulford, Terry Lindberg, Garth Piercy, Carol Smith

**Members Absent:** Sylvia Richardson

**Township Officials:** Jess Ray, Supervisor; Sally Pyne, Trustee; Floyd Aper, Trustee

**ARC Staff:** Member Services Manager Elicssha Sanders; Communications Coordinator Samantha Scott

**Public Present:** Darla Heath, Faith in Action

Meeting called to order by Chair Deb Shaw at 9:30 AM.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2024 meeting was made by Garth Piercy. Motion seconded by Carol Smith. Motion passed.

**Public Comment**

Darla Heath, Faith in Action, reported July 16 is their Rob Dob’s Dine to Donate. The event will take place during the time the restaurant is open and includes purchasing gift cards. A fall bus trip to Vermont is scheduled for October 6-12. The fall mum sale has begun. You can place orders online or by check in the office. The “Take Action” luncheon was a huge success, and they appreciate those who attended.

**Report from Chair** – Deb Shaw

Welcome to new board member, Michael Fulford. Introductions were made around the table. Mr. Fulford shared some background information and said he was excited to be here and looks forward to working with the staff and board to make the ARC successful through honest communication.

Instead of breaking for individual committee meetings after the regular meeting today we will discuss an idea brought by the ARC staff in New Business.

**Board Member Updates**

Laura Bailey said several members have reported to her faucets are leaking in the bathroom, kitchen and craft/classroom. Jess said he would ask the Town of Normal for a recommended plumber to look into repair or replacement. A discussion of the building’s age followed.

Michael Fulford thanks the ladies at the front desk for the great job they do.

Leslie Hitchins thanks those who help with the Green Space, especially weeding.

**Old Business** – Update on Vacant ARC Positions

Jess reported the process is moving along and hopes to have people in place in August.

**New Business**

Sally Pyne asked if the previously discussed Handyman Service club to assist members at home has moved forward. ARC staff responded that no further action has been taken but if someone were to develop a list of services it would be posted on the Community bulletin board. Sammi thought the Communication/Fund Raising Committee could assist with research. Service provider qualifications and parameters were suggested.

#### Darla added Faith in Action has helpers available but the person needing assistance must be a part of their service program. No power tools can be used while providing services. Other community options mentioned: Life CIL, Veterans Assistance and the McLean County Senior Resource Center Website developed by ISU is linked to the ARC website.

Elicssha thanked the Board and sponsors for the successful pickleball fundraiser last month. The event raised nearly $900 for the Alzheimer’s Association.

Elicssha reported the Junior Management Team has a suggestion for involving the Advisory Board in planning for the future and improving ARC programs. The hope is to plan out programs and speakers for a year with input and speaker contacts from Board members. As an example, Sammi mentioned March is Women’s History month, planning months in advance with Board suggestions and contacts will help staff get information to members about programs. Members requested a calendar with the monthly or some daily/fun highlights before next month’s meeting.

**Suggested Topics for Next Meeting**

Continue discussion of future Program planning.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:05 by Chair Deb Shaw.**

**Next Normal Township Board Meeting: July 18, 2024 at 8:15 AM**

**Next Senior Advisory Committee Meeting: August 1, 2024 at 9:30 AM**