



November 17, 2022

Shepherd's Center of West Wichita Supporters

At our Board meeting this morning, Thursday November 17 the Board voted unanimously to begin the process of closing and dissolving the Shepherd's Center of West Wichita.

This was not an easy decision nor was the vote to close taken lightly. We have reached this point due to several circumstances beyond our control. The COVID-19 pandemic had a major impact by causing us to terminate our Adventures in Learning almost completely in 2020 and 2021. Competition from other senior focused organizations who are doing basically what we have been doing and churches having more activities for seniors have also contributed to our being unable to continue with our program. Our attendance since restarting in-person Adventures in Learning in the fall of 2021 has dropped in each subsequent session.

The above coupled with the inability to enlist volunteers to assist with Adventures in Learning sessions or to assume leadership roles on the Board of Trustees has convinced the members of the Board that it is time to end what has been a 15-year successful run of great speakers and good fellowship. The last three years, not so much. We have still had the great speakers and good fellowship, but the spark has gone out of it. We no longer have people wanting to do things to help make SCWW grow.

Closing the Center will not be an overnight job; it will take several months to dispose of our assets both monetary and physical assets. We have several other questions concerning the closing that need to be answered. To accomplish these tasks the current Board members have agreed to stay in place until we have completed the tasks required to close the Center. We will discontinue any Adventures in Learning or Day Trips effective immediately to better facilitate the closing process. We will keep you informed of the progress of our efforts.

Scott Kailer, President, Board of Trustees
Shepherd's Center of West Wichita