



Senior Center and LINX Transit

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ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

April 17, 2024

MINUTES

Members Present: Marlene Flyer, Sherry Liest, Joli Root, Cody Wack, Linda Meredith, Barbara Hemnes, Rebecca Wirfs & Kindra Oliver

Absent: Dorrie Board

1. WELCOME:

Rebecca Wirfs opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Kindra had a budget meeting and would be joining the group around 10:30.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME:

Barbara Hemnes is an active participant and volunteer at the Senior Center. She helps lead some of the exercise groups, such as Line Dancing, when our one full-time staff person is off for the day. We have a very small staff at the Senior Center, so greatly appreciate that type of leadership and helping to facilitate classes and programs.

Dorrie Board has been an active Senior Center participant for years. She is finishing up her degree in Gerontology Studies, with an emphasis on advocacy. She is passionate about our Senior Center and would like to assist with growing programs and events.

We distributed an updated member roster. Please remember to keep member information confidential.

2. MINUTES:

Marlene moved to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2024 Advisory Board meeting; Linda seconded; motion passed unanimously.

3. REPORTS:

Meal Site:

- Tori is always looking for substitute drivers to help deliver meals in the community.
- Andy Darling's Retirement Party will be Friday, June 28th, at the Senior Center.

Senior Center:

- April is Volunteer Appreciation! We thank you for your efforts making the Lebanon Senior Center an inviting place to come participate, socialize and make friends. Again, can't do what we do without our fabulous volunteers. We truly appreciate all your efforts and making a difference in our community. All of you should have received an invitation to our appreciation luncheon.
- April Spring Tea is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23rd, from 2:00-3:00. We will bring out our vintage teacups and saucers, provide some refreshments and entertainment and have a lovely time together. Please sign up in front office.
- May is National Senior Center month. We have invited the Fender Benders to sing Everly Brothers, Johnny Cash, etc.. on Tuesday, May 14th. We'll provide refreshments.
- We are participating in National Fitness Day on Wednesday, May 29th, which includes the following:
 - Speaker regarding the importance of exercise & fitness, with opportunity for Q&A;
 - Demo on making healthy snacks with recipe ideas to have on hand
 - Showcase the Senior Center Evidence Based Programs and exercise classes
 - Testimonials from other senior participants
 - Provide handouts for exercise and nutrition
 - Have Council of Government resource information available
 - Have a couple of raffle baskets
 - Complimentary bowling passes and pool passes for those attending
 - Roll out the Senior Center ipads/access to exercise/stretching/weights/toning/ meditation/relaxation videos – available any time in fitness room or have other optional spaces available
- We have a newer volunteer that has been coming in every Wednesday to teach I-pad classes. She has up to 6-8 seniors join her for the classes each week. Senior Center staff has also taught a couple of other classes. As always, the i-pads are available for check out in the front office during our operating hours, for use in the library area.
- Senior Center participation numbers have surpassed pre-covid numbers, mostly due to ongoing exercise classes. We are still not doing as many large events (monthly potlucks, special events). Senior Center staff continues to assess programming on an ongoing basis.

LINX Transit:

- LINX Transit continues to see increases in ridership. We're currently over 50,000 rides as of middle of April. For comparison, we provided 47,851 rides last fiscal year. No surprise our call volume is pretty high and constant, averaging 300 a day for the LINX Transit line.
- We applied for two vehicles for the LINX Transit fleet. If awarded, purchases would be made in the next two years.
- We applied for an electric van and charging station through a national competitive grant process. If awarded, the purchase would be made in the next two years, as well.
- Our oldest bus, a 2009, 16 passenger van is being sold/disposed at the City Maintenance auction, as it is beyond its useful life and very costly to continue with needed repairs.
- LINX Transit has the engineering design for the LINX fleet parking, at the Maintenance Shops, on Oak Street. Site improvements have started and they hope to be complete this summer and we'll start parking our fleet at that location.
- We're currently working on NEPA requirements for our federal grant for the bus stop

improvements at Park & Oak. Once we have they're approval, we'll start working on the repairs.

- We'll be working on a Request for Information for the scheduling and dispatching software this spring.

4. CONTINUING BUSINESS:

- Senior Center staff has been looking for potential speakers to present on various topics, much like we used to do with our Lunch and Learn series years ago. Topics could include history, homesteading, wellness, motivational speakers, etc.. Please do let us know if you have any ideas for local speakers on various topics.
- Senior Center staff is having continued discussions regarding our newsletter and gaining some efficiencies in resources expended in providing it monthly.

5. DISCUSSION / NEW BUSINESS:

- The City of Lebanon budget timeline is a bit earlier this year. Budget Committee meetings will be held on April 29th & 30th.
- We'll have a table and information at the Chamber of Commerce Biz Expo on Thursday, April 18th, from 12:00-4:30.

6. ADJOURNMENT