

Chesterfield Older Adults Task Force

MEETING NOTES

Attending: Bonnie Solomon, (Co-Chair) Sharon Greenstein Gorman, Dan Steinmeyer, Richard Smith, Denise Pott, (Co-Chair) Stacy Haberstroh, Ted Gottlieb, Marie Bon Durrant, Mike Nichol (for Susan Shafers from CORP)

Staff: Becky Dooley & Libbey Tucker; Councilmember Liaison Guy Tilman

Absent: Annemarie Deutschmann

Guests: Michael Cain

- A. Welcome City Council Liaison-Guy Tilman & OASIS Rep – Dan Steinmeyer
Introduction were made ad new members welcomed. Bonnie reviewed the mission statement of the Committee.
- B. Senior Sampler Planning-April 7 at YMCA 10 am – 1 p.m.
Need to prepare flyer for event, initial solicitation of previous vendors was sent in December and may have responded. Libbey will send out vendor spreadsheet. Parking is an issue. Need to direct patrons to park at Central Park and ride shuttle. Advertise this and have signage. Need police assistance at YMCA parking lot “exit” to keep people from parking there. Make sure exhibitors are parking on lower parking lot and not using main entrance. Becky will check with Delmar Gardens on Shuttle. Need to check with Annemarie on what time set up can take place the day before. Review 2016 Wrap Up Notes. Make sure ITN has a table.
- C. ITN Update
Bonnie & Libbey provided an update on the ITN Gateway Transportation plan. Currently the Steering Committee is in a fundraising and awareness mode. Good response from newsletter article from those needing the service. Plans are being service in the spring or summer, when at least \$50,000 is raised. Still need office space for dispatchers. Enough for two people and desk space.
- D. Planning for 2017
 - a. Creative Writing Workshop Proposal – Life Time Writing
Everyone agreed that the workshop would fit within the mission. Libbey will get pricing and Stacy will check references relative to others who've taken the class.
 - b. Chamber Business Expo-March 2 from 4-7 p.m.

The expo booth will cost \$150. If Parks exhibits, we will have our materials with their table.

E. Upcoming Senior Sizzler Events at YMCA –VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- a. Jazz in January – Jan 12, 11:30
- b. Feb. 14 – Valentine Bingo 11:30 – 2
- c. March 14 - Parade of Fashion/Repertory Theater Costume Program
1:30 – 2:30 *This flyer was approved.*

F. LOAP PROGRAM – Eagle Watching & Pere Marquette State Park, Jan. 17

Becky noted how successful these programs are and how much people appreciate them. There are usually at least 75-100 at the Senior Sizzlers and the bus trips are usually sold out. In response to a question about how these programs are promoted, Becky and Libbey stated they are included in the City newsletter, sent in a special e-mail group for older adult activities, (also mailed for those without e-mail), on the City's web site, the YMCA web site, and flyers at the YMCA and City Hall lobby.

G. Other Business

Dan expressed his concern that there is no senior center or a central gather place for seniors. He inquired as to whether there would be space in the mall they could allocate for space for socializing and games. There is a good base of mall walkers. Libbey will inquire.

H. Next meeting – February 21 at 2 p.m.