

COMBINED MEETING SAC/SALT COUNCIL
January 7, 2019

MINUTES

A MEETING of the combined SAC/SALT Council was held on Monday, January 7, 2019, at the offices of Downers Grove Township, 4340 Prince Street, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515.

Acting Chairman Ralph Beardsley called the meeting to order at 1:38pm.

Mary Ferguson, from Aspired Living as well as a member of FFDGT, and Lynne Dralle, EMS Director at Westmont Fire Department, introduced themselves as guests.

Acting Chairman Ralph Beardsley asked for Public Comment. George Goodwin of AARP presented information from the Illinois Secretary of State's Office concerning Real ID. A Real ID will be required for all air travel, as well as Amtrak, and admission to federal and nuclear facilities, beginning October 1, 2020. George stated that he would send the information to Cathy Rager for dissemination. A suggestion was also made for Cathy to add Real ID to her list of topics for her television program.

Roundtable introductions were made by all present.

Acting Chairman Ralph Beardsley asked all present to review the Minutes of the December 3, 2018 Meeting. Upon review, Kathy Abbate made a motion to approve said Minutes, which was seconded by Robert Petranek. A unanimous voice vote approved said Minutes.

Susan Mistretta stated that Dial-A-Ride ridership has remained at a steady level of approximately 125 riders per month. Upon review of her statistics, Susan wishes to amend her report to read that approximately 400 riders used the system in the month of October. Figures for November and December were unavailable at this time.

Voting on new members was tabled until the February 2019 Meeting, as the prospective members were absent from today's Meeting.

Gaye Wagner expressed interest in serving out the existing term as Chairman. Upon motion to approve made by Robert Petranek, seconded by Ralph Beardsley, and a unanimous voice vote, Gaye Wagner was approved as the new Chairman until her term expires on July 12, 2019. Ralph Beardsley will continue in his role of Vice Chairman. Chairman Wagner will begin her duties at the February Meeting.

2019 SAC/SALT Discussion.

A. Either September 21 or September 28 was chosen as the date for the next Car Care Clinic. Cathy Rager will clear any prospective conflicts with Troy Agema prior to finalizing the date of the DuPage County Sheriff's Office.

B. Extensive discussion took place regarding possible collaborations with SALT, to-wit:

- Karen Kelly suggested contacting Milton Township. She brought in the SALT Newsletter from Milton Township. Cathy Rager will copy same and ensure everyone present receives a copy.
- Cathy Rager suggested Ralph Menzione, a retired Darien police officer who now works part-time for Lemont Police Department.
- Lynne Dralle gave a brief overview of the history of SALT, including the fact that it began as a liaison between local police and fire departments, grew exponentially, and then dwindled in both membership and participation. (See attached SALT History prepared by Cathy Rager.)
- The senior citizen population has changed drastically, going from one senior category, to young, middle and older senior citizens. This population change necessitates changes to advisory councils, as well as the topics of concern to each sector.
- Mary Ferguson mentioned her familiarity with the Elgin Triad and agreed to contact them to see if a representative could attend a SAC/SALT meeting to provide suggestions for future collaborations.
- George Goodwin mentioned the possibility of doing the same with the Naperville/Lisle Triad. He also mentioned that the Naperville/Lisle Triad holds an annual event called "SHOE", or "Senior Housing Options Expo". George agreed to look into arranging a meeting with a representative of the Naperville/Lisle Triad.
- Mayslake has an outreach program that was recommended as a possible collaboration.
- The Township has space limitations which prevent it from holding large scale programs. Currently, COD is not a viable alternative. However, Mayslake, the Tivoli Theater, church basements and libraries may provide alternate space.
- Kate Vogts offered the Hinsdale Community House for space for programs. They have many different-sized rooms which may be suitable for future Township programs.

C. Robert Petranek gave an overview of the first of the Quarterly Speaker Workshops, entitled "Senior Survival Series", which will be senior scams and frauds, and what's new in Medicare (see attached flyer). Robert made a suggestion that another workshop should cover

senior fitness and nutrition. Julie Larson offered to host a workshop on behalf of DuPage County. Karen Kelly suggested estate planning, banking, and slips and falls as future topics. It was also suggested that the workshops, once they get off the ground, be held more frequently than quarterly.

D. Cathy Rager reminded everyone about the upcoming fundraiser at City BBQ, 1034 West Ogden Avenue, Downers Grove, to be held on Friday, February 1.

There was no discussion on either old or new business.

Upon motion to adjourn made by Pat Klebenow and seconded by Robert Petranek, the meeting was adjourned at 2:38pm following a unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Rager, Recording Secretary