

## ANNUAL SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 4, 2022

### MINUTES

**THE ANNUAL MEETING** of the Senior Advisory Committee was held both via conference call and in person at the Township Center located at 4341 Saratoga Street, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515, on Monday, April 4, 2022.

1. **Call to Order.** Chairperson Gaye Wagner called the meeting to order at 1:37pm.
2. **Roundtable Introductions.** Roundtable introductions were made and are attached hereto as Exhibit A.
3. **Review and Approve Minutes.** After reviewing the Minutes of the March 7, 2022 Meeting, Bruce Wright requested that Linda Rush be added to the names of attendees.  
Upon Motion made by Pat Klebenow and seconded by Ralph Beardsley, the Minutes of the March 7, 2022 Meeting, as amended, were unanimously approved by voice vote.
4. **Public Comment.** Sheri Henderson commented that between March 27 and April 1, 2022, nine people combined efforts to rent, furnish, clothe and feed a Ukraine family. If anyone knows and refugees or others who need help, please refer them to Sheri.
5. **Committee Reports.**
  - A. **Chairman's Report.** Chairperson Gaye Wagner had no report.
  - B. **Board Member Report.** On behalf of FFDGTS, Robert Petranek reported that he is still waiting for news on how much was raised at the Pierce Tavern fundraiser held March 15, 2022. Petranek also commented that the next Senior Survivor Skills event will be held on April 21, 2022 at the Township Center. Gaye Wagner and Connie Catalano will be conducting the seminar dealing with whether or not a senior should move to a senior facility or remain at home. Robert commented that he would like to see the Senior Survival Skills seminars held every six weeks for maximum attendance.
  - C. **Secretary's Report.** Cathy Rager announced that she will be retiring as of June 30, 2022. She introduced Karen Spencer, who will be replacing her as Senior Services Coordinator for the Township. Rager went on to report that she has ordered 2000 Files of Life. Alison Clemons has committed to paying \$1000 towards the cost, with an additional \$500 coming from Eileen Fitzgerald. The balance will be paid by FFDGTS. After discussion of appropriate places to distribute the Files of Life, it was decided that Connie Catalano will do the Hinsdale area, Robert and Ralph will cover Darien, Teri Geppner will cover Westmont, Carrie Nevins will take Willowbrook and Burr Ridge, Gaye Wagner will take Downers Grove, and Sheri Henderson will cover

Clarendon Hills. Primarily, it was decided that the Files of Life will be available at local Village Halls, and Fire and Police Departments.

- D. Township Officials Report.** Paul Coultrap thanked Cathy Rager for her service to both to the Township and the SAC and welcomed Karen Spencer to her new position. Paul went on to remind everyone that Senator John Curran will be sponsoring the Secretary of State mobile unit at the Township Center on Tuesday, April 5, 2022.

**6. Agency Updates.**

**A. First Responders.**

(i) Troy Agema from DuPage County Sheriff's Department reported that scams are back, in person, telephonically and online. Additionally, reports of catalytic converter thefts as well as gas tank siphoning are also up. He warned all to be aware of their surroundings.

(ii) Lynne Dralle from Westmont Fire Department was absent.

**B. DuPage County Senior Services.** Julie Larson did not have a report.

**C. Park Districts.**

(i) Alice Krampits from Westmont Park District was absent.

(ii) Sheri Henderson from Burr Ridge Park District did not have a report.

(iii) Jillian Spizzirri of The Community House reported that TCH has many activities scheduled and is experiencing an attendance increase. Spizzirri added that the TCH brochures have been mailed.

**D. AARP.** George Goodwin was absent.

- 7. SAC Candidate Vote.** Upon Motion made by Ralph Beardsley, and seconded by Pat Klebenow, the following persons are hereby appointed to the Senior Advisory Committee: Lisa Rasin, Linda Rush, Susan Sinderson and Bruce Wright. The appointments were unanimously approved by voice vote.

**8. Community Partner and Guest Updates.**

**A. Aspired Living.** Teri Geppner began with an announcement that Aspired Living will be at a Westmont Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Expo on May 6, from 8:30am to 12:30pm. She will send a copy of the flyer to Cathy for distribution to all SAC members. Geppner continued to report that the tour of the local senior living facilities was a great success. Carrie Nevins suggested that the tour frequency be increased to two or three times per year.

**B. Senior Living Experts.** Kerry Quirin reiterated her message that seniors and their families should not "wait for the crisis" of senior care. She also mentioned that her next tour, on May 6, is already full.

**C. Comeback Carrot.** Yvonne Williams, a color consultant and new SAC guest, gave a brief summary of her background and asked that she be able to make a formal presentation at a future SAC meeting.

D. Lisa Rasin and Bruce Wright introduced themselves and gave brief summaries of their backgrounds. They are both looking forward to working with the SAC.

9. **New Business.** There was no new business.

10. **Adjournment.** Gaye Wagner announced that the May 2, 2022 meeting will be held at Gloria Dei Church because new member Susan Sinderson would like the SAC to see the Community Adult Day Care space. It will be at the same time of 1:30pm to 3:00pm. Upon a Motion made by Pat Klebenow and seconded by Robert Petranek, the meeting was adjourned at 3:04pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Catherine Rager, Secretary

## EXHIBIT A

### SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL April 4, 2022 Annual Meeting Attendance

|                       |  |          |
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| Beardsley, Ralph      | SAC Vice-Chairman/Darien Resident                | Present  |
| Henderson, Sheri      | SAC Board Member/Clarendon Hills Resident        | Present* |
| Klebenow, Pat         | SAC Board Member/Westmont Resident               | Present  |
| Petranek, Robert      | SAC Board Member/Downers Grove Resident          | Present  |
| Wagner, Gaye          | SAC Chairperson/Downers Grove Resident           | Present  |
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| Agema, Troy           | SAC Liaison with DuPage County Sheriff           | Present  |
| Linell Allred         | SAC Guest/Apex Hospice                           | Absent   |
| Bentsen, Angela       | SAC Guest/Age Guide                              | Absent   |
| Beyer, Lauren         | SAC Guest/Bria                                   | Absent   |
| Catalano, Connie      | SAC Guest/Senior Living Consultant               | Present  |
| Coultrap, Paul        | SAC Guest/DGT Supervisor/Downers Grove Resident  | Present* |
| Dralle, Lynn          | SAC Liaison with Westmont Fire Department        | Absent   |
| Garreau, Janet        | SAC Guest/Interfaith Community Partners          | Absent   |
| Geppner, Terri        | SAC Guest/Aspired Living                         | Present  |
| Goodwin, George       | SAC Liaison with AARP                            | Absent   |
| Grimsby, Lorraine     | SAC Guest/DGT Clerk                              | Absent   |
| Krampits, Alice       | SAC Liaison with Westmont Park District          | Absent   |
| Larson, Julie         | SAC Liaison with DuPage County Senior Services   | Present  |
| Mistretta, Susan      | SAC Guest/DGT Staff/Darien Resident              | Present  |
| Navins, Carrie        | SAC Liaison with Willowbrook Park District       | Present  |
| Quirin, Kerri         | SAC Guest/Senior Living Experts                  | Present  |
| Rager, Cathy          | SAC Liaison with DGT/Downers Grove Resident      | Present  |
| Raisin, Lisa          | SAC Guest/FISH Pantry Manager                    | Present  |
| Rodriguez, Bernadette | SAC Guest/Clarendon Hill Resident                | Absent   |
| Linda Rush            | SAC Guest/Downers Grove Resident                 | Absent   |
| Sinderson, Susan      | SAC Guest/Community Adult Day Care               | Absent   |
| Spencer, Karen        | SAC Liaison with DGT/Downers Grove Resident      | Present  |
| Spirrizzi, Jillian    | SAC Liaison with The Community House in Hinsdale | Present  |
| Stoll, Mary           | SAC Guest/DGT Board Liaison                      | Present* |
| Williams, Yvonne      | SAC Guest/Comeback Carrot Color Consultant       | Present  |
| Wright, Bruce         | SAC Guest/Downers Grove Resident                 | Present  |

\*Present via conference call