

Waxahachie Senior Center Advisory Committee
August 21, 2019

A regular meeting of the Senior Center Advisory Committee was held at the Senior Center, 122 Park Hills Drive, Waxahachie, Texas on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

Members Present: Patti Junkin, Chairman
Patty Smith, Vice Chairman
Mike Lee
Ray Weable
Lee Johnson

Member Absent: Peggy Loftis

Others Present: Jeanee Smiles, Director, Waxahachie Senior Citizens Center
John Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation
Lori Cartwright, City Secretary
Mary Lou Shipley, Council Representative

1. Call to Order

Chairman Patti Junkin called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation

Mr. Mike Lee gave the invocation.

3. Public Comments

Mr. Ricky Rodriguez, representing Congressman Ron Wright's office, introduced himself and stated to contact him for any needs he can assist the Senior Center Advisory Committee with.

4. Approval of minutes for Senior Citizens Center Advisory Committee meeting of April 17, 2019

Action:

*Mr. Mike Lee moved to approve the minutes of the Senior Center Advisory Committee meeting of April 17, 2019. Vice Chairman Patty Smith seconded, **All Ayes.***

5. Discuss financial report on Senior Center, Inc. for period ending July 31, 2019 and take any necessary action

Senior Center Director Jeanee Smiles presented the financial report on Senior Center, Inc. for period ending July 31, 2019.

Action:

*Vice Chairman Patty Smith moved to accept the financial report on the Senior Center, Inc. for period ending July 31, 2019. Mr. Lee Johnson seconded, **All Ayes.***

Chairman Junkin asked if the Center still contracts with Meals on Wheels. Ms. Smiles stated Meals on Wheels lost some of their funding and reduced from providing meals 3 times a week to once a week. Ms. Smiles stated the Center prepares approximately 100 to 150 meals per month.

Vice Chairman Patty Smith referenced the Money Market account and researched where the money came from and how it is to be spent. After extensive research, she reviewed minutes from 1991 that reflected from the will of Lillian Woodard Boyd monies were willed to the Senior Center. The minutes from that meeting stated "other business on the agenda was approval and adoption of the resolution regarding the Ann Woodard Albright memorial fund to be bequeath by her sister the late Lillian Woodard Boyd to the Senior Center". The resolution reads "whereas as the late Lillian Boyd generally bequeath a portion of their estate to the center stipulated for Meals on Wheels Senior Citizens Center in Waxahachie, Texas and whereas the center has received the sum of \$20k from the estate". The Board approved the resolution. The documents reflected an investment committee was formed to review types of funds to invest the monies left by the Boyd estate. In 2006 the funds in the Money Market Account were at approximately \$43,000. After further research a will dated April 25, 1991 was filed under probate and after dividing specific gifts she designated the remainder of her estate to go to certain individuals and entities. The gift to the Senior Center reads as follows: "10% of my net estate to Meals on Wheels Senior Center Waxahachie as a memorial for Ann Woodard Albright and I request that free meals be provided for those who cannot otherwise afford same with said funds". The will depicted Mr. Jim Pitts as the executor and authorized him to expand any money as it were given to you of the last will and testament of Lillian Boyd and to continue the meal program that is provided at the Senior Center. The Senior Center can use the funds for free meals to be provided to those that cannot afford meals. Vice Chairman Smith stated she contact Mr. Pitts and he is in agreement that the monies are to be spent for meals at the Senior Center. Vice Chairman Smith turned over the documents to Ms. Smiles for permanent record.

Discussion was held as to moving the money out of the Money Market Account to be earmarked for feeding the seniors at the Waxahachie Senior Center.

Action:

Mr. Mike Lee moved to restrict the Money Market Account, being approximately \$68,406.89, to be used for meals only as presented. Mr. Ray Weable seconded, All Ayes.

6. Discuss financial report on STEM Garden for period ending July 31, 2019 and take any necessary action

Ms. Smiles reported \$181,287.33 has been spent on the STEM Garden. She stated all monies received have been spent and/or allocated to specific designations. Ms. Smiles stated there are eleven (11) learning modules and approximately 350 students have visited the STEM Garden. She noted staff will continue to upgrade the garden as money comes in. Ms. Smiles stated the Technology Center is the heart of the STEM Garden and currently there are 32 retired teachers that teach at the STEM Garden. Ms. Smiles reported the center sent out 230 packets campaigning for donations and social media is being utilized.

Mr. Lee Johnson expressed disappointment of the Board for not participating in outside fund raising for the STEM Garden and Meals on Wheels. He stated it is the Board's duty to go out into the community and solicit funding for these projects. He stated they supported Ms. Smiles for getting internet in the Technology Center then voted not to support her. Mr. Johnson expressed concern for not having monthly meetings.

Parks and Recreation Director John Smith stated this is an advisory board and before we move forward we need to clarify the board members role.

Action:

*Chairman Patti Junkin moved to accept the financial report on the STEM Garden for period ending July 31, 2019. Vice Chairman Patty Smith seconded, **All Ayes.***

7. Adjourn

Chairman Patti Junkin, Vice Chairman Patty Smith, and Mr. Ray Weable stated their terms are up on the Board and will not reapply.

*There being no further business, Mr. Mike Lee moved the meeting adjourn at 1:49 p.m. Mr. Lee Johnson seconded, **All Ayes.***

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Cartwright
City Secretary