

Senior Center Advisory Committee  
September 22, 2021

A regular meeting of the Senior Center Advisory Committee was held at the Senior Center, 122 Park Hills Drive, Waxahachie, Texas on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

Members Present: Peggy Loftis, Chairman  
Brad Burns  
Heather Fuller  
Cheryl Lassetter  
Theresa Taylor

Members Absent: Mike Lee, Vice Chairman  
Jane Vineyard

Others Present: John Smith, Assistant Director, Senior Citizens Center  
Yadira Campos, Recreation Specialist  
Billie Wallace, Council Representative  
Jami Bonner, Assistant City Secretary

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Peggy Loftis called the meeting to order.

**2. Invocation**

Ms. Cheryl Lassetter gave the invocation.

**3. Public Comments**

None.

**4. Approval of minutes for Senior Citizens Center Advisory Committee meeting of July 21, 2021**

**Action:**

*Mr. Cheryl Lassetter moved to approve the minutes of the Senior Center Advisory Committee meeting of July 21, 2021. Mr. Brad Burns seconded, All Ayes.*

**5. Consider financial report on Senior Center, Inc. for period ending August 30, 2021**

Senior Center Assistant Director John Smith presented the financial report on the Senior Center ending September 20, 2021.

**Action:**

*Ms. Theresa Taylor moved to approve financial report on Senior Center, Inc. for period ending September 20, 2021. Ms. Peggy Loftis seconded. All Ayes.*

**6. Consider funding request for library shelves to be built by Senior Center woodshop students**

Mr. Smith presented an opportunity to partner with a local carpenter, Mr. O.J. Freeman, to build shelves in his woodshop for the Senior Center library. The cost of \$1,500 would cover lumber and materials.

**Action:**

*Mr. Brad Burns motioned to approve the \$1,500 funding for library shelves. Ms. Cheryl Lassetter seconded. All Ayes.*

*Ms. Theresa Taylor amended the motion to increase funding to \$2,000 for the library shelves. Chairman Peggy Loftis accepted the amendment.*

*Mr. Brad Burns seconded the motion. All Ayes.*

**7. Consider funding request to assist replacing Senior Center woodshop table sander**

Mr. Smith shared the history of a partnership between Mr. Freeman's woodshop and the Senior Center. He recognized Mr. Freeman for hosting many Senior Center classes as a service to the community. Mr. Smith stated Mr. Freeman's table sander is no longer in service and will need to be replaced. Mr. Smith hoped to contribute to the purchase.

Several Committee Members expressed concern with donating Senior Center funds to purchase privately owned equipment. Mr. Burns recommended amending the motion for item 6 to increase funding to \$2,000 to cover the cost of lumber, materials, and services. The committee agreed.

Chairman Loftis stated that she would donate \$500 to dedicate directly to Mr. Freeman's table sander.

**Action:**

No action taken

**8. Discuss Senior Center activities and take any necessary action**

Mr. Smith reported daytime Senior Center activities are well attended. He noted that membership is lower than pre-Covid numbers; however, the members are involved and attending daily activities. He expects membership numbers to continue to grow now that school has started. Ms. Lassetter encouraged committee members to participate in Senior Center activities.

Mr. Burns requested a date for the annual Christmas wrapping event for the Santa for a Senior program. Mr. Smith replied the normal Christmas wrapping event will not be held this year; however, three or four smaller Christmas wrapping events may take place. Several committee members expressed the importance of wrapping the boxes to make for a special presentation.

Mr. Smith shared the Christmas fundraising will kick-off November 12th with a craft show. Mr. Burns asked if the Senior Center prefers cash donations for the Angel Tree program. Mr. Smith replied the Senior Center, as a non-profit, is often able to make cash donations go a little further as he can purchase in bulk and does not have to pay taxes. Ms. Billie Wallace asked how the Angel Tree gifts are distributed. Mr. Smith replied that the majority of gifts, 800-1,000 gifts, are given to Meals on Wheels to distribute on their meal delivery routes.

Mr. Smith noted with COVID protocols returning, the Senior Center Advisory Committee will not meet until further notice unless business needs to be acted on.

**9. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jami Bonner

Assistant City Secretary