

Senior Center Advisory Committee  
May 17, 2023

A regular meeting of the Senior Center Advisory Committee was held at the Senior Center, 122 Park Hills Drive, Waxahachie, Texas on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

Members Present: Kelly Saunders, Chairman  
Theresa Taylor  
Carrie Lewis  
Ellie Gates  
Tiki Walker Smith  
Jane Vineyard

Members Absent: Brad Burns

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

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Kelly Saunders called the meeting to order.

**2. Invocation**

Council Member Billie Wallace provided the invocation.

**3. Public Comments**

Shelly Cox shared that she and her husband, Randy, have been organizing dances for seniors for 20 years at the Optimus Club on the first Monday of each month. They have Crumbl Cookie, Chick-fil-A and other businesses sponsor the dances, but are looking for a better location to host these dances due to limited parking.

Barbara Tyler and Gene Shanks shared that they serve on the Senior Center Dance Committee and are interested in having dances at the Senior Center. They noted the Valentine's Day Dance was a huge success.

**4. Approval of minutes for Senior Center Advisory Committee meetings of January 18, 2023 and March 22, 2023**

**Action:**

*Theresa Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the Senior Center Advisory Committee meetings of January 18, 2023 and March 22, 2023. Chairman Kelly Saunders seconded, All Ayes.*

**5. Discuss and consider financial report on Senior Center, Inc. for period ending April 28, 2023**

Senior Center Director John Smith presented the financial report for periods February 1 - March 21, 2023 and March 22 - May 11, 2023.

Carrie Lewis inquired about the trip expenses included in the March 22 – May 11, 2023 financial report. Mr. Smith explained the expenses were for trips taken to the Texas Rangers Museum in Waco and the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. Ms. Wallace asked about the attendance for the trips and Mr. Smith replied 40 members attended.

**6. Discuss and consider upcoming Senior Center activities**

Mr. Smith announced the following upcoming events:

- Junk in the Trunk
- Fishing activity
- June bowling trip
- July trip to Perot Museum

Mr. Smith also shared the current activity flyer.

**7. Discuss and consider regularly scheduled dances at the center**

Mr. Smith discussed the opportunity to hold regularly scheduled dances at the Senior Center. The Senior Center Dance Committee will be contacting businesses to seek sponsorships and raise money for the dances. These dances will be free for Senior Center members and will be on a Thursday every other month from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Mr. Smith noted there were a few scheduled activities that had to be canceled, but those who were involved in the canceled activities will be attending the dances.

Ms. Saunders asked if the Senior Center will be open for just the dance or if the entire building will be available for the seniors to utilize. Mr. Smith replied that option hasn't been researched yet, but current plans are to have the facility open at 7:00 p.m. for dance participants only.

**Action:**

*Ellie Gates moved to approve regularly scheduled dances at the Senior Center. Carrie Lewis seconded, All Ayes.*

**8. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yadira Campos  
Recreation Specialist