



Anchorage Senior Activity Center

Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

In-person and Zoom Meeting*

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Convened Meeting: 12:01 p.m. by Adelheid "Micky" Becker, President of the Board of Directors.

Roll Call -

Present: Micky Becker; Nancy Groszek; Joe Mathis; Lance Bowie (via zoom); Gretchen Cuddy; Jim Kostka; Elsa Sargento; Kelly Stewart; Steve Franklin; Jack Laasch; Juna Penney (via zoom); Jim Rooney; Gordon Glaser (past Board President and current Endowment Chair).

Excused: Jim Bailey.

MOA Liaison : Maureen Haagblom, and Darcie Montalvo, Human Services Division MOA.

Staff present: Rebecca Parker; Celine Kaplan; Stephanie Rose; Jordan Flake; Norma Luke.

Guest: Karen Quirk.

Safety Moment: Gretchen Cuddy shared an incident on her street where there was a fire in a nearby homeless camp and a fire truck was on the scene on her street. There is a growing number of homeless camps close to residential areas, and even in the woods near the ASAC building and grounds, and we need to be vigilant to fire danger.

President Micky Becker announced a change to the Agenda moving the Endowment report to the top for this meeting as requested by Gordon Glaser.

ALTERED AGENDA APPROVAL: Joe Mathis moved to approve the altered Agenda, moving the Endowment report up on the agenda and Gordon Glaser be excused after his report for another appointment; Nancy Groszek seconded – Approved.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES: Joe Mathis moved to approve the minutes of the March 26th meeting; Jim Kostka seconded – Approved.

Committee Reports

Endowment Committee: Gordon Glaser reported the Endowment Fund is still in pretty good shape. We still have slightly over \$5 million. If in December we are above the \$5-million mark, depending on the market, then the distribution/allocation for 2026 will be 4%; if below the \$5-million mark we go back to 3% (approximately \$50,000 difference).

Gordon also reported that he has been actively looking at some prospective Board members to run in the next election.

MOA Liaison: Maureen Haagblom introduced Darcie Montalvo from her office. Maureen reported that her focus has been responding to competitive RFPs for ADRC. She thanked Becky Parker and Stephanie Rose for their letter of support, and helping to set up an ASAC/AHD meeting with Kimberly Rash for April 30th. ADRC will be participating in Older American's Month and luncheon on May 7th.

Executive Committee: Micky Becker began by welcoming Bob Tannahill from the Endowment Committee. She spoke about the Volunteer Luncheon that was on April 16th to show our appreciation for volunteering at ASAC and expressed her disappointment that none of the Board members showed up to help serve the luncheon the staff did the serving instead.

Micky Becker and Rebecca Parker honored former Board of Director's member and volunteer Karen Quirk with a special presentation by Rebecca Parker, featuring a quilt. This recognition celebrates Karen's many years of dedicated service to ASAC and her countless hours of volunteer work on the membership committee. As she moves to Humboldt, TX, she will be dearly missed.

Madam President announced that she will be traveling the entire month of May and Nancy Groszek or Jim Bailey will run the next Board of Director's meeting in her absence.

Finance Committee Report: Stephanie Rose provided the Finance Committee report and explained the financials and Notes included in the packet. She also responded to questions from some of the Board members.

Fitness Committee: The fitness report was included in the packet.

Membership Committee: The Membership report was included in the packet. Elsa Sargento added that we added four new members last month and asked for a shout-out to Ashlyn Dye for bringing six amazing volunteers for the Membership Committee. Elsa further encourages the Board members to recruit new members.

Gretchen Cuddy spoke about *potentially* holding an additional membership event offering an option for a member to sponsor the first year of membership for a new member (at a reduced rate).

Facilities Committee: Steve Franklin was not able to attend the April 3rd Facilities Committee meeting, and did provide his report after receiving a copy of the Minutes of the April 3 meeting.

Milton Brown is checking into picnic table replacement or repair cost. Kelly Stewart mentioned that there was a gentleman who attended the recent Rotary meeting who makes picnic tables out of recycled plastic. This might be an option for Milton to investigate. We will need to get contact information for the gentleman.

The artist who created the Ribbon of Lights piece will be traveling to Alaska to repair the wind damage from this last winter. His travel and lodging will be covered with miles.

Steve also added that we need to be vigilant of the homeless camps forming nearby and the possible safety risks.

Fundraising/Gala Committee: Celine Kaplan presented the Fundraising/Gala report. We have 8 tables left to sell. The plan is to have 33 tables of sponsorships and a total of 36 tables, including individual ticket sales. We have a team who are obtaining auction items. Live auction items are needed. Kelly Stewart added that she knows someone with a timeshare to donate for a live auction item. Kelly will pull together some dates and information and get that to Celine.

Celine Kaplan also reported that she and Executive Director Rebecca Parker attended a menu tasting at the Captain Cook in April, where they sampled and discussed various menu items and she described the menu.

Micky Becker stated that it is the duty of each of us on the Board to advocate on behalf of ASAC and encourage sponsorship, and she is also trying to work on donated Champagne for the Gala. If anyone knows of a distributor, please let us know. Micky further announced that she will be gone the entire month of May and sends out her plea to not forget about the Gala and to continue working on obtaining sponsors and auction donations. Micky spoke with Walter at the Antique Gallery about a donation to the auction. Juna Penney also spoke with him, and he is going to pick out something nice for the Gala.

Executive Director Report: Rebecca Parker's report was included in the packet. We received a \$15,000 grant from the Block Foundation for our meals program, but we still have 150 people on the waitlist. There will be more programs introduced before the end of the year.

Staff training will be on May 2nd for volcanic preparedness so that staff will know our roles and responsibilities if an eruption occurs while ASAC is open, and staff need to receive their emergency preparedness kit.

Rebecca Parker announces that Julie McFarland has accepted another position in the community. She will be working on contract with Celine on the Borealis. Julie has been with ASAC for 13 years and she will be missed.

Becky will be meeting with the Rasmuson Foundation on her sabbatical and announced that Celine will be her key decision maker, as well as Stephanie while she is away.

131 **Next Board meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2025.**

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137 **Jim Bailey, Secretary**

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