



## **Anchorage Senior Activity Center**

### **Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes In-person and Zoom Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 28, 2025  
12pm in the Ballroom**

Usually meets in the Ballroom on the fourth Wednesday monthly.

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ZOOM Meeting ID 853 0470 8652 Passcode 859543

Meeting Convened at: 12:00 p.m.

#### **I. Roll Call –**

**Present:** Nancy Groszek; Joe Mathis; Lance Bowie (via zoom); Jim Bailey; Gretchen Cuddy; Elsa Sargento; Kelly Stewart (via zoom); Steve Franklin; Jack Laasch; Juna Penney (via zoom); Jim Rooney; Gordon Glaser (Endowment Chair); and Bob Tannahill (Endowment Trustee).

**Staff Present:** Rebecca Parker; Celine Kaplan, Stephanie Rose (via zoom); and Norma Luke

Excused: Mickey Becker; Jim Kostka and MOA Liaison Maureen Haagblom.

#### **II. Safety Moment:** Ongoing issue with Pigeons attempting to nest outside the front entry. The operations department has begun regular cleaning.

#### **III. Agenda Approval:** Joe Mathis moved to accept the agenda as published, Jack Laasch seconded – Approved.

#### **IV. Past Minutes Review and Approval:** Jim Bailey moved to approve the Minutes of the April 23, 2025 Board of Director's meeting and Lance Bowie seconded – Approved.

#### **V. Committee Reports**

A. MOA Liaison: No Report.

B. Executive Committee Report: Gretchen Cuddy met with Jean McNaulty of UAA who offered the Center discounted or free tickets to the Five-Lecture Series next season with the PAC; one at Wendy Williams, and another at UAA. The first one will be in August and it's been suggested it be streamed to Bethel and Nome.

Nancy Groszek recommended that no Board of Director's meeting be held in June; the next Board of Director's meeting will be held on the fourth Wednesday in July (July 23<sup>rd</sup>).

- C. Endowment Report: Gordon Glaser reported the Endowment fund is still in pretty good shape, and we are still at \$5 million (that amount waivers slightly up and down).
- D. Gala Committee Report: Celine Kaplan presented the Fundraising/Gala report. There is one table for sale. People continue to call for individual tickets. The auction house is working to put items on their website. Vendors, catering, etc. are all set up. We would like to have at least one additional live auction item. Celine also wanted to again thank the Penney family for the generous donation of a beautiful condo in Cabo San Lucas. Juna Penney emphasized that the donation was from the "Penney Family".
- E. Finance Report: Joe Mathis provided the Finance Committee reports that were included in the Board Packet. He explained some of the financial details further and asked if anyone had any questions. There were no questions.
- F. Fitness Committee Report: The Fitness Committee report was included in the Board packet.
- G. Membership Committee: The membership report was included in the Board packet. Elsa Sargento reported that we added 5 new members, 8 that re-joined, and 11 renewed for a total of 24 new members last month (April). Gretchen Cuddy asked if we considered offering a reduced gift membership rate of \$65 so that a member could purchase a first-year membership for a friend. Elsa continues to encourage staff and Board members to recruit new members.
- H. Facilities Committee Report: Steve Franklin presented the Facilities report. The partitions project is on schedule and will be completed on time. Although we do not have that final completion date yet from MOA Liaison, Andrew Earp. The Connex was successfully removed, and the new owners paid a small fee to the center for purchase. Options are in discussion for future use of that space.
- I. Executive Director Report: Executive Director Becky Parker's report was included in the Board packet. She thanked Jim Kostka for running the Open Forum at Social Hour on May 21<sup>st</sup>. The Gala preparations are going very well. We are excited about the number of people who are responding and the donations that are coming in. Becky also thanked Kelly Stewart for her leadership chairing the nominating committee. She also thanked Gretchen Cuddy and First National Bank Alaska for their gift of \$2500, and a special thank you to Gretchen for all she has been doing.

\*The Board listened to an audio of one of a series of radio ads promoting the Center.

Becky added that as a member of AGenet, an advocacy group of other statewide organizations who work with older Alaskans. The group has been going to Juneau and testifying and requesting \$3 million in funding have been successful in at least passing the House and the Senate during their conference committee with \$2.5 million in state funding and is waiting to see if it is not vetoed by the Governor. The senior center lobbyist indicated that the Governor may be interested in attending

lunch at the Center. Andy Josephson, who is the Chair of the House, is the one who really led the charge. Rebecca Parker thanked him.

The center has had recent personnel changes.

- J. **Ad Hoc Committees:** AGENET and MOA Senior Advisory (Advocacy): Jim Bailey reported that testimony was presented before the legislature requesting \$3 million in funding and that \$2.5 million of that is pending the Governor's approval. Gordon Glaser added that the Assembly has adopted AARP's representative advisory endorsement and will send that information to Nancy.

**VI. Old Business:** NuVision is once again sponsoring the Veteran's Day celebration and luncheon.

**VII. New Business:** There will not be any Executive Committee, Finance Committee or Board of Directors meeting in June.

**VIII. Good of the Order**

There will be no Board of Directors Meeting; Executive Committee; or Finance meeting in June.

**Committee/Staff Reports are attached.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Bailey, Secretary