



Anchorage Senior Activity Center

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

**Wednesday, July 23, 2025
12pm in the Ballroom**

Meeting Convened at: 12:00 p.m.

I. Roll Call –

Present: Micky Becker; Nancy Groszek; Jim Bailey; Joe Mathis (via Zoom); Gretchen Cuddy; Jim Kostka (via Zoom); Elsa Sargento; Steve Franklin; Jack Laasch; Juna Penney (via Zoom); Jim Rooney; and Maureen Haggbloom, MOA Liaison.

Staff Present: Rebecca Parker; Celine Kaplan, Stephanie Rose; Jordan Flake, and Norma Luke

Excused: Kelly Stewart

II. Safety Moment: Micky Becker wanted to remind people of the importance of water safety when doing any water sports.

III. Agenda Approval: Jack Laasch moved to accept the agenda as published; Gretchen Cuddy seconded – Approved.

IV. Past Minutes Review and Approval:

Correction to July Executive Committee Report, paragraph V(A):** 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. *It was suggested that they be*** streamed to Bethel and Nome.

Jim Bailey moved to approve the Minutes of the May 28, 2025, Board of Director's meeting and Nancy Groszek and Steve Franklin seconded – Approved.

V. Committee Reports

A. MOA Liaison: Maureen Haggblom shared that the Health Department has appointed a new Deputy Director, Champ Thomas Cuddy. She also noted that Kimberly Rash, who had been serving as Acting Director for an extended period following her role as Deputy Director, was officially appointed as Director some time ago. Since then, she has been leading the department without a Deputy Director until now. Additionally, Maureen requested clarification from Stephanie and Becky regarding the 2026 Bond.

B. Executive Committee:

1. Micky Becker asked the Board to please respond to calendar invitations and emails regarding upcoming meetings. She stressed the importance of the Board being informed whether a quorum is present.
2. Micky reminded the Board about the upcoming elections and noted that nomination packets are available for those interested in running. Additionally, Micky reached out to the Board members to propose combining future Executive and Finance Committee meetings and invited their feedback on the suggestion.

C. Endowment Report: No Report.

D. Finance Report: Stephanie Rose presented the Finance Committee's report, highlighting key financial metrics. Net income for June was **\$172,245.00**, bringing the **Year-To-Date net income to \$144,496.00**, which is ahead of budget projections. This positive variance is primarily attributed to the success of the **Garden Gala**, which significantly boosted donations. While some of these contributions were one-time gifts, they had a substantial impact on overall financial performance.

We served 1920 senior meals in June and have a wait list of 170. A question was raised how much the \$60,000 Bond would help to reduce that wait list, and Stephanie indicated that it should make a significant difference. Rebecca added that the \$2.5 million approved by the Governor, the House and Senate, and some of that was designated to meals as well.

Operating cash as of July 18th the Center had over \$163,000 in checking accounts; \$377,900 in emergency savings which was after returning the \$50,000 in savings account out of the beginning lab. We are going to be putting additional funds into the emergency fund which Micky will address shortly. Our net income is currently \$209,626 (assuming we don't receive any last-minute bills). Overall, it was \$3,000 less than what we had budgeted.

Gretchen suggested adding more of the wonderful things the Center has done in our newsletter, and Stephanie responded that we are doing an article in the newsletter recognizing those individuals and organizations.

Micky congratulated Celine and Bri for all their hard work in making the Gala such a success this year. We came in about \$40,000 higher than was in our budget, and we will immediately put \$25,000 into the emergency savings. Our 6-month operating expenses are roughly \$1.3 million. Our emergency account has \$377,000 in it. We have gone to the Municipality to give us extra cash for the coming year and to alter our contract to include CPI indices. She feels that our emergency backup needs to be quite a bit higher.

Micky added that the news on the meals program is great, and she appreciates the staff's work on getting those grant applications in. Another good news item is that we have been told that our Medicare coverage is approved for 2026.

1. Gala Committee Report (included with packet):

Celine reported highlights from the 2025 Garden Gala, and how the Gala was very successful. We appreciate all the support from our many donors, including a \$25,000 donation from the Sholton Foundation which is included in the income report for the Gala. Additional good news is the Hendrix family have agreed to host the 2026 Gala at their estate. We have selected June 10th of 2026 and are working on securing our major vendors for that, and in a couple of months we will send out a save the date to our major sponsors. She also thanked the Board members who came to the event, donated an item, or support.

Micky pointed out that the reason for the higher income was also that we had one donor of \$25,000 at the paddle race, which was a one-time gift from the Sholton Foundation. We also had several that raised the paddle at \$10,000, and many raised the paddle at \$5,000.

- E. Fitness Committee Report: The Fitness Committee report was included in the Board packet. Micky noted that, to remain in compliance, a Board member should be appointed to serve on the Fitness Committee
- F. Membership Committee: Elsa Sargento presented the Membership report. In June we had 13 new members, 1 member who rejoined, and 26 renewed memberships. Elsa's report was included with the Board packet.
- G. Facilities Committee Report: Steve Franklin presented the Facilities report.
 - 1. Partitions: The partitions project is scheduled to begin in September and will be completed in October. The contractors assured us there will be no interruptions in any planned events or meetings during the installation of the new partitions.

2. Parking lot issues/unauthorized weekend campers: The Facilities Committee is researching the process that the Anchorage School District uses.

H. Executive Director Report: Executive Director Becky Parker's report was included in the Board packet.

VI. Ad Hoc Committees:

AGENET and MOA Senior Advisory (Advocacy). Jim Bailey reported that the Anchorage Assembly passed a Resolution in April. He asked the Board to support the initiative. Steve Franklin suggested that Jim prepare a presentation for the Executive Committee and possibly make a more formal presentation at the next Board meeting. After initial discussion, Micky suggested meeting with herself and Becky for further clarification on The Center supporting the resolution.

VI. Old Business: Welcome and introduced Jordan Flake who is Stephanie's Finance Assistant.

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

IX. Good of the Order

The next Board of Board of Director's meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2025;

Committee/Staff Reports are attached.

Upcoming Dates of Interest:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Bailey, Secretary