Anchorage Senior Activity Center

Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes
In-person and Zoom Meeting
Wednesday September 24, 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); Lance Bowie (via Zoom); Steve Franklin; Jack Laasch; Juna Penney (via Zoom); Jim Rooney; Kelly Stewart, Bob Tannahill (Endowment), and Maureen Haggblom, MOA Liaison (via Zoom)
Staff Present: Celine Kaplan, Stephanie Rose and Jordan Flake
Excused: Elsa Sargento

II. **Safety Moment:** Gretchen Cuddy shared that gun shots had been heard up the hill from the Senior Center and bears had also been spotted. Please use caution.

III. **Agenda Approval:** Nancy Groszek moved to accept the agenda as published; seconded by Jack Laasch – Approved.

IV. **Past Minutes Review and Approval:** Jim Bailey moved to approve the Minutes of the August 27, 2025 Board of Director's meeting and Lance Bowie seconded – Approved.

V. **Committee Reports:**

MOA Liaison: Maureen Haggblom provided an update on behalf of the Municipality, noting that she was following up on the Center's request for increased funding, which would not be decided until November.

Executive Committee: Micky shared that the Executive and Finance Committees had met on Monday. She then announced that Becky is on sabbatical and requested that staff and the board not contact her regarding Senior Center matters. She highlighted plans for extending evening hours at the Senior Center, with Celine to provide more details, and mentioned the return of a holiday luncheon on December 10th. Micky praised staff for their excellent work in hosting the Lutheran Social Services event and encouraged recruitment of new committee members for the Garden Gala. Gretchen agreed about the Lutheran event and discussed the upcoming University of Alaska lecture series event featuring Diane Wilson on November 6th.

Endowment Report: Bob Tannehill gave the report in Gordon Glaser's absence. He reported a current endowment balance of $5.462 million, up $100,000 from August. Gretchen raised a question about the discrepancy between endowment assets and endowment fund net assets in the comparative statement, which Stephanie agreed to investigate further with Gordon.

Finance Report: The board reviewed the draft 2026 budget, which Stephanie presented with highlights and key changes. Stephanie explained that the budget was prepared early to include Becky's input and is based on current income scenarios, resulting in a tight budget with a net income of $979. The board discussed specific budget items, including increases in senior meals and food services, decreases in room rentals, and adjustments in wages and contractual fees. Stephanie agreed to a 30-minute Q&A session in 2-3 weeks to address any detailed questions about the budget.

Stephanie also reviewed the August financials, including performance across different areas, including the restaurant, outside catering, school meals, and senior meals, noting variances from budget in areas like food costs, personnel expenses, and revenue. Nancy Groszek moved to approve the financials; Jim Bailey seconded. The board approved the August financials.

Fitness Committee Report: Gretchen reported that fall prevention week is this week and that she'd be attending the fitness committee meetings.

Membership Committee: The membership report was reviewed and Jim Bailey emphasized the need for more board involvement and volunteers to help with membership tables at events.

Facilities Committee Report: Steve provided a report on facilities, including an update on the partition installation and a walk-through of the facility by MoA to look at needed repairs.

Executive Director Report: Celine provided updates on recent changes, including hosting congregate meals next door and adjusting social hour timing and format. Upcoming events were highlighted, including a health fair on October 29th, holiday tree event on December 5th, and holiday meal on December 10th.

VI. <u>Ad Hoc Committees</u>:

AGENET and MOA Senior Advisory (Advocacy) – Jim Bailey mentioned a record number of pedestrian incidents and encouraged awareness, also noting the success of the Age-Friendly Anchorage initiative supported by the mayor and assembly.

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business: None

IX. Good of the Order

The next Board of Board of Director's meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2025.

Committee/Staff Reports are attached.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Bailey, Secretary