

## *Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board*

### *Minutes*

*Meeting Monday September 27, 2021*

Chuck Marinec, Chair, called a meeting of the Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board to order on September 27, 2021 at 9:00 am. Self-Intros made for recording purposes. Meeting held at the Historic Courthouse Room 309, 840 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri.

**Board Members Present:** Chuck Marinec, Denny Pilant, Monica Horton, Amy Montebello, Joyce Munden and Bobbie Wurst (phoned in).

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Deborah Allen, Kim Sisk (CoxHealth), Darla Harmon (Salvation Army), Bill Bell (OACAC), Karen Burnell Ruff, Jessica Blake (Arc of the Ozarks), Jamie Henline (PBS Ozarks Public Television), Jason Knight (Willard Parks and Recreation), Marie Mills, Ruthie Geraci and Larry Vois (Springfield South Side Seniors)

**Meeting Minutes:** August 23, 2021. Approved as submitted. Motion to approve Minutes made by Joyce Munden. Seconded by Bobbie Wurst. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** No Treasurers report for this meeting.

**Old Business:** No old business

**Presentation: CoxHealth at Home's Virtual Bereavement Event– Kim Sisk**

Requesting Additional Funds for \$8,450.00. Their goal is to respond to emerging needs in the community. With the effects of the COVID pandemic, they have been receiving requests for bereavement services. They currently provide hospice care for patients and families, the bereavement services program include seminars and individualized support groups. However, the vast majority of COVID victims and their families did not have the opportunity to benefit from hospice service and care. This would be a pilot program providing tools to process grief and loss by Virtual Workshop Memorial Event. The pandemic has also placed restrictions on many families being able to seek out services in-person. The event would be held in December 2021 to help families cope with the holiday season.

Motion to approve by Bobbie Wurst. Seconded by Monica Horton. Motion carried.

**Presentation: Salvation Army – Darla Harmon**

Requesting Additional Funds for \$8,440.00. They are requesting support for an additional food service for the senior citizens who attend the daily lunch program. The new "Weekend Warrior" program will be to provide seniors with food to get them through each weekend eating well. The idea came about when several of the seniors shared that the only meal they can count on through the wee is the lunch provided by the Salvation Army. The Weekend Warrior program will provide nutritious food for three meals a day on Saturday and Sunday, as well as snacks. They would also like to be able to provide each senior with a ham or a turkey on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Motion to approve by Bobbie Wurst. Seconded by Amy Montebello. Motion carried.

***Presentation: OACAC – Bill Bell***

Requesting Additional Funds for \$16,000.00. Funds will be used to improve the quality of life of Greene County residents, age sixty plus. Home care will provide eligible expenses include home repairs, ret, mortgage, propane, pellet stoves, water/sewer bills, homeowners insurance, air conditioners, heaters, repair of appliances and wheelchair ramps.

Motion to approve by Monica Horton. Seconded by Bobbie Wurst. Motion carried.

***Presentation: Arc of the Ozarks – Karen Ruff and Jessica Blake***

Requesting Additional Funds for \$24,000.00. The past year has undoubtedly been one of the most challenging for the individuals that they support and staff. They have to adapt and change to many areas of the program services. Individuals that thrive on social outings had to find new ways to connect with their friends and family in the safest way possible. Mental health challenges have stemmed from isolation. Technology has been an important tool to stay connected. The funds will be used to help provide quality of life improvements, programs and services for up to 36 individuals with disabilities age 60 or older residing in Greene County. There are an additional 16 individuals participating since their recent 2021 application.

Motion to approve by Monica Horton. Seconded by Amy Montebello. Motion carried.

***Presentation: PBS Ozarks Public Television – Jamie Henline***

Requesting Additional Funds for \$4,500.00. The funds will be used to create a 30 second “overview” announcement on OPT CREATE will help to inform viewers that there are a multitude of services available to seniors in our area and that they may request a full list by calling their toll free number or by going online to their dedicated webpage. In promoting a comprehensive list – instead of just focusing on one or two specific organizations. It is being proposed for an 18-month flight with eight airings per day for 4,376 announcements.

Motion to approve by Joyce Munden. Seconded by Denny Pilant. Motion carried.

***Presentation: Willard Parks & Recreation – Jason Knight***

Requesting Additional Funds for \$22,000.00. The funds being requested will be used to make repairs to the Willard Community Center, the main gathering place for all senior activities in their community. Currently two of the three HVAC units cooling the building are awaiting bids for repair. All Three units are original to the building and have been repaired multiple times to reach the current age of 26 years. Funds acquired will include the following projects: replace all three failing HVAC units to improve energy efficiency and air quality and provide a safe and climate-controlled space for their senior citizens.

Motion to approve by Monica Horton. Seconded by Joyce Munden. Motion contingent upon receipt of three bids.

***Presentation: Springfield South Side Seniors, Inc. – Ruthie Geraci, Marie Mills and Larry Voris***

Requesting Additional Funds for 21,367.78. The funds will be used for repairs on the building and the sprinkling system. In addition, there are some required repairs mandated for the Fire Security System per the Springfield Fire Marshall to prevent closure of the Center location. The funds will also be used to pay bathroom upgrades to better serve the seniors who attend the Center. Upgrades to the serving line counters due to the wear and tear over many years of service. Some replacement tables for the main dining room and the walk-in freezer condensing unit needs replaced. There are also some equipment for the kitchen and cleaning issues need to be take care of. The center currently leases the building; however, they are fully responsible for the maintenance and up-keep of the building.

Motion to approve by Bobbie Wurst. Seconded by Amy Montebello. Motion carried.

10:45 A.M. moved to adjourn by Denny Pilant. Joyce Munden seconded. Motion Carried.

Next meeting October 25, 2021 – Location: Historic Courthouse, Room 309. If additional people will be in attendance, a waiting area with appropriate social distancing will be available.

***Minutes submitted by:*** Deborah Allen