# Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board

# Minutes Meeting Monday June 28, 2021

Denny Pilant, Vice-Chair, called a meeting of the Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board to order on June 28, 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:** Amy Montebello, Denny Pilant (phoned in), Monica Horton, Bobbie Wurst and Joyce Munden (phoned in)

**Board Members Absent:** Chuck Marinec and Thelma Neff (Excused)

**Others Present:** Deborah Allen, Erica Little and Brad Stulce, Springfield-Greene County Health Department, Sara Lovegreen and Samantha Whitaker, The Alzheimer's Association and Janice Piper, SeniorAge

*Meeting Minutes*: May 24, 2021. Approved as submitted. Motion to approve Minutes made by Bobbie Wurst. Seconded by Amy Montebello. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** There was no new Treasurer's report for this meeting. Monica Horton stated that the ending balance is as stated on the April report. This was approved and motion carried as of the last May meeting.

Old Business: No old business

#### Presentation: Springfield-Greene County Health Department, Erica Little

Brief discussion about their request for funding to continue the Shingles program since they have been around since 2008. However, due to the current pandemic they have had to shift how they operate and deliver services. A quick update on what has happened this year and actually how they were able to affect the citizens. They have increased the Shingles vaccinations this past year even through the pandemic. They shifted their focus to on-sight drive-up clinics. They were able to vaccinate 1248 citizens this last year which is a significantly higher than previous years, actually their highest yet resulting in a 31% increase from last year. They are requesting additional funding which would get them up to the request made in 2018. They are requesting funds in the amount \$226,610.00.

Motion to approve by Bobbie Wurst. Seconded by Joyce Munden. Motion Carried.

### Alzheimer's Association, Sara Lovegreen and Samantha Whitaker

A presentation from Sara Lovegreen from the St. Louis facility in providing care and support to the residents of Greene County regarding Alzheimer's and Dementia. They want to hold steady to their previous funding in terms of their reach with more engagement in their community programs as well as maintain that reach through our informational and referral for care planning services. They did a community forum which is their community listening session particularly with the seniors to see what their needs were and if they would be interested in participating in a virtual support group. They are continuing their partnership with the Music Therapy of the Ozarks that is helping in development and Samantha is really taking charge increasing their efforts of early stage development that is where they have been focusing over the last year. They are striving to help the Community understanding the implications of early diagnosis and the importance.

Denny Pilant asked if Sara could give clarification on how the funds are kept separate. They do have strict controls in place at the association where this funding would receive a specific code. Expenses that were for Greene County sixty years and older would be charged specifically to that code to be sure it was for services in Greene County. If the Board is interested, and this is part of our reporting process, they can provide that general ledger account that would be specific for the funds that were spent on this project and would go to that project code. They treat this as a Government grant at the Association where they have very tight internal controls. They will state in the budget that the funds are being used strictly for Greene County seniors sixty years and older.

Question was raised that the Board does not usually cover the Administrative cost for Salary and Benefits. Primarily the main work of the Association is the staff that is working with the Communities partners. However, Sara stated that the cost had traditionally been covered in previous years.

They are requesting funds in the amount \$24,071.00 which is a small increase in prior years.

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

#### SeniorAge, Janice Piper

Denny Pilant stated that in past years once the grant approved the purchase of a van the way that the organization disposes of the van has never been a concern of the Board. Janice has been very polite and courtesy in pointing out that there is another use for the van that could be provided to the southside people to use for seniors. What they are purposing is allowing some of the surrounding counties to use the van to provide meals. The Board unanimously agreed to "Let's ride it till the wheels fall off".

## **Election of Officers**

Denny Pilant proposed the annual election of officers just by way of historic purposes it is customary to ask whether the current officers are willing or not willing to continue and if anyone else would like to fill a particular position. The following are willing to continue to serve for the next year:

Chuck Marinec Chairman
 Denny Pilant Vice-Chairman
 Monica Horton Treasurer
 Joyce Munden Secretary

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

9:35 A.M. moved to adjourn by Bobbie Wurst. Monica Horton seconded. Motion Carried.

Next meeting July 26, 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