

**GREENE COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS' SERVICE FUND BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 11, 2018**

A special meeting of the Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board was called to order at 9:00 am on Tuesday, December 11, 2018. The meeting was held in Historic Courthouse Conference Room 309.

**Board Members Present:** Chuck Marinec, Monica Horton, Gwen Baker, Denny Pliant, Amy Montebello and Joyce Munden.

**Board Members Absent:** Thelma Neff (excused)

**Others Present:** Terry Smith (Fair Grove Senior Center), Greg Burris (Give 5), Bridget Dirks (Community Foundation of the Ozarks), Jeff Robinson (OATS) and Connie Hayes.

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- Denny moved to approve the minutes, with the correction made to Communications stating that Joyce submitted the approved Ash Grove Food Pantry's progress report. Monica seconded. All in favor and motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Chuck gave the Treasurer's report for November 2018 in Thelma's absence.
- Chuck highlighted what we spent in November 2018 and what revenues came in.
- Chuck said Board members needed to be looking at the 2019 budget. He also stated that of the \$2,837,500.00 budget for 2019 we have already granted \$1,241,241.00 to Senior Age, leaving us a fund balance of \$1,596,259.00 for future grants.
- Joyce made the motion to approve Treasurer's report and Monica seconded. All in favor and motion passed.

**Old Business:**

**Fair Grove Senior Center:**

- Denny made the motion to remove Fair Grove off the table and Joyce second. All in favor, motion carried.
- Terry Smith stated that the contractor should be done by December 17, 2018 with everything except the kitchen, due to all kitchen items have not come in yet.
- Chuck said he, Amy, Denny, Joyce, Mary Pliant and Stephanie Marinec went to Fair Grove on November 27, 2018 for the board meeting following the new centers construction and lunch at the Methodist Church.
- Chuck said he had a chance to talk to some of the board members.
- Chuck said this is a group that has done a lot of fund raising to build the new Senior Center.
- Amy said she agrees with Chuck, but questioned whether we could afford the \$100,000.00 request.

- Denny explained how we have in the past helped with building Senior Centers.
- Joyce said they already have a program in progress, so this will not be a problem. Joyce also stated that right now they only serve lunch once a week, but with the new center it could be daily and that many citizens would come. About sixty (60) senior citizens ate lunch the day they were there.
- Monica asked why we tabled the request at the last meeting, and Chuck responded by saying that we wanted to talk to Fair Grove's Senior Center Board first.
- Denny made the motion to approve request for \$100,000.00 and Joyce seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **New Business:**

### **Give 5:**

- Greg Burris was here today to discuss the Give 5 Program funding request for 2019.
- Greg presented a ten point work plan for 2019.
- Greg said they are proposing the completion of class six (6) and hope to add five more classes in 2019.
- Greg also said they are having to design and implement a new website since the old one is on the City of Springfield's site and Give 5 is no longer part of the City.
- Greg said they have been collecting data and suggestions from the volunteers on how to make the program better. They discussed this at their ninety day reunions.
- Greg also said some of the organizations are not ready for the volunteers' help and they are working on that.
- It was also stated the many of the volunteers said they have been isolated until this program came along.
- Greg stated that no volunteer was ever turned away, but not all who go through the training decide to stay with the program.
- Greg requested that they be able to keep the remaining 2018 funds to help with the new website. He said the creators of the website will not keep working on it without funding.
- Bridget Dirks from Community Foundations of the Ozarks asked if the funds \$27,000.00 could be given to them to keep and pay for the website as the bills come in.
- Joyce made the motion to approve the request to keep remaining 2018 funds in an account at Community Foundation of the Ozarks and Denny seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- Joyce also made the motion to commit the \$40,000.00 that we receive from Community Foundations as partnership funds to the Give 5 Program and consider the rest of the request in February 2019, Denny seconded. Vote taken 5 yea and 1 nay.
- Chuck was the nay and he said he would consider matching the \$40,000.00 from Community Foundations for the Give 5 Program. He asked Greg to prepare a new request for what would be needed after the funds approved in today's meeting. He was asked to come back in February with a request for additional funds when it might be determined that money was available after hearing other requests.

## **OATS:**

- Jeff Robinson from OATS was here to present his request for funding for 2019.
- Jeff said it has been a challenging year, with the region growth of about 30% in 2018.
- Jeff said of the services they provide that 70-80% of them fall under the guidelines of the Greene County Senior Service Fund.
- Jeff stated that they have 11-12 service denials per day.
- Jeff said they have 8 vehicles that they use in Greene County and of the 8, there are 2 that are only used if absolutely necessary, because of high mileage.
- Jeff said Senior Age has cut their funding and because of that 20% of the services for townships outside of Springfield have had to be cut.
- Jeff is requesting \$480,178.00 and out of that he will be purchasing a new bus and the rest will go for senior services.
- Joyce said one of her concerns is the rigid scheduling. Jeff responded by saying they are looking at a new ECOE Lane system to help with schedules.
- Gwen ask if they could make a certain day for different services, so citizens would know what days are for shopping etc. Jeff said they are trying to work that out.
- Denny stated the Federal and State Government have dropped the ball on services for seniors.
- Denny also stated that transportation is a key factor for Senior's and Chuck agreed.
- Amy made the motion to approve request for \$480,178.00 and Denny seconded.
- All in favor, motion carried.

#### **Ash Grove Sunshine Center:**

- Monica made the motion to table Ash Grove's request until we could get more information and Amy seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **Strafford Senior Center:**

- Denny made the motion to approve Strafford's food enhancement request for \$7,000.00 and Joyce seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **Communication:**

**Adjourn:** Denny moved to adjourn and Joyce seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: January 14, 2019.

Connie Hayes  
Greene County Senior Citizens Service Fund