

Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board

Minutes

Meeting Monday May 19, 2025

Mike Jungers, Vice-Chairman, called a meeting of the Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board to order on May 19 at 9:00 am. Self-Intros made for recording purposes. Meeting held at the Historic Courthouse Room 309, 940 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri.

Board Members Present: Denny Pilant, Joyce Munden, Mike Jungers, Robert Thurman, Stephen Short and Mary Ellison (Phoned In).

Board Members Absent: Chuck Marinec (Excused)

Others Present: Debbie Allen, Sarah Lovegreen (Alzheimer's Association), Tery O'Shell and Jennifer Cotner-Jones (Springfield Symphony Orchestra)

Meeting Minutes: April 28, 2025. Motion to approve made by Joyce Munden with stated corrections. Seconded by Denny Pilant. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Denny Pilant stands with the March 2025 Treasurer's report as stated in the last Minutes.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by Robert Thurman. Seconded by Joyce Munden. Motion carried.

Old Business: Alzheimer's Association -- Sarah Lovegreen

Motion to remove from being tabled from the last meeting made by Joyce Munden. Seconded by Mary Ellison. Motion to remove from table was carried.

A revised detail from the FY2024 Progress Report was submitted for further review. It was requested by the Agency since a variance is not stated in the contract, that they be allowed to reallocate funds from Promotional Materials to Salaries/Benefits. Allowing them to utilize all their funds and respectfully requesting no funds being returned. Robert Thurman made a motion to go forward and approve this request since it is not clearly stated that Board approval was required for the reallocation of funds for the FY2024 Progress Report this one time. Seconded by Denny Pilant. Motion carried.

FY2025 Funding Application Request was modified to \$20,000.00. A map of full chapter coverage area was also included in response to the request from a board member to have a better visual.

Last year, the Association released a new 10-year vision to guide their work in an era of treatment and risk reduction. This vision renews the focus on:

- **Community education and activation:** To reach many communities, they must make intentional efforts to provide resources and information.
- **Healthcare capacity and readiness:** To prepare for the growing volume of people looking for screening, diagnosis and treatment, healthcare centers and staff need education, resources and infrastructure.

- **Accessibility of treatment and long-term care:** As demand grows, for many diagnosed, comprehensive long-term care and treatments may be prohibitively expensive and hard to access.

Denny Pilant raised the question as to the rise in numbers. The original proposal stated that 1 in 10 Greene County seniors would be affected but since then specifically a county level report was completed possibly a year or two ago from their Research Conference where the actual percentage is closer to 11.2% for Greene County seniors 65 years and older.

ALZ CARES (Community Alliances for Risk Reduction, Education and Support) is the initiative to connect more local families and individuals to quality dementia care and support via engagement strategies that build local partnerships and mobilize volunteers. The community engagement efforts are working. Over 2,024 activities were focused on expanding awareness, education and support in Greene County. Last year, they successfully engaged community partners to offer presentations and/or support groups and promote the 24/7 Helpline services. Over 712 Greene County residents with care and support programs which is approximately a 25% increase over the previous year. In addition, general awareness and stigma around dementia with paid advertising campaigns that reached over 1.5 million media impressions.

Early State Engagement Programs: These programs enable people living with dementia and caregivers to socialize with and receive support from others who truly understand what they are going through. Throughout the year, they will expand these offerings in response to the new portfolio of programs, developed with staff and volunteer input.

Motion to approve made by Denny Pilant. Seconded by Robert Thurman. Motion carried.

New Business

Presentation: Springfield Symphony Orchestra – Tery O'Shell and Jennifer Cotner-Jones

Amount Requested \$51,585.36. The primary audience demographics (both in-house and streaming) are made up of Greene County citizens 60+ years and older. For the 2024-2025 season, over 21,000 individuals attended or will attend the concerts. On average, attendance for each concert matched pre-COVID attendance numbers. For the 2024-2025 season, so far, a total of 1,440 seniors have purchased silver tickets with an additional 102 purchasing the gold. Awareness for this program spread throughout the county resulting in a 62% increase in attendance from the inaugural season until the present. With the reduced price for concert and transportation provided, these valued citizens are afforded the opportunity to enjoy symphonic music.

The primary goal is to enhance the quality of life of our seniors within Greene County. The Symphony's leadership is extremely proud of the progress this program has made and the number of Greene County senior citizens who participate in it.

Robert Thurman recused himself from this presentation. Motion to amend the original budget by reducing the Revenue Loss Tickets in the amount of \$26,530 to the total revised award amount of \$25,055.36 was made by Denny Pilant. Seconded by Joyce Munden. Motion carried for the amended amount of \$25,055.36.

Communication:

A brief discussion regarding a couple modifications to the original contracts referencing Budget reallocation approval and the Purchasing Policy. The Board requested a copy of the original contract be mailed/emailed to all Board members for their perusal and comments to be discussed in detail at the June meeting.

10:10 A.M. Denny Pilant moved to adjourn. Seconded by Robert Thurman. Motion Carried.

Next meeting June 23, 2025 – Location: Historic Courthouse, Room 309. If additional people are in attendance, a waiting area with appropriate social distancing will be available.

Minutes submitted by: Deborah Allen