

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Board of Directors of the Hospital Authority of St. Marys
April 8, 2021

Chair Powierski called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. with a quorum present and Director Pinner as an approved absence,

The minutes of the February 11, 2021 meeting had been electronically provided in advance. It was M Lassiter S Kiss and C unanimously to approve the minutes.

It was M Whyte S Lassiter C unanimously to amend the agenda to add a city request for funds as Item C and a discussion of a city/county merger of senior services as Item D, both as new business.

Presentation

The Chair introduced Dianne Torgensen, President of the Camden County Alzheimer's Project, who presented a report on the current activities of the organization. She identified several areas of need for seniors with significant memory loss and ways that the Authority and the City might be able to address via the Senior Center.

Following discussion and questions from the Board, it was M Lassiter S Kiss and C (with Stephens abstaining) to approve \$1500 of Authority funding to create a pilot project with Mrs. Torgensen working with City Staff to determine an appropriate program for seniors with memory loss who are accompanied by their caregivers.

Financial Update

The Treasurer distributed the third quarter financial report and highlighted expenditures in the quarter. (Report attached). She advised that approximately \$20,000 remained in commitments that have not yet been invoiced. She also reported that today's investment account stands at \$3,821,930.

New Business

- A. There being no old business, the Chair moved to new business and asked for a report on work assignments from the recent Work Session. Director Stephens provided a graph summary of a number of Senior Centers in Georgia and Florida she had contacted and highlighted her findings. Director Glazebrook reported on her conversation with legal counsel regarding the Board's desire to move away from property ownership. She indicated counsel has identified some restrictions and she recommended he attend the May meeting to discuss those with the Board. Chair Powierski reported that her assignment had been to bring Mrs. Torgensen to the meeting and that was accomplished.

- B. The Treasurer reported that the two year contract with our current Audit firm has expired and asked the Board to authorize her to work with the Auditor to sign an extension for continued representation. It was M Lassiter S Riggins and C unanimously to authorize the Treasurer to negotiate a new contract not to exceed \$3600.
- C. Mrs. Larsen presented three requests for retroactive and current funding for programs already in place at the Senior Center. The first was a request for \$2400 to fund a Zumba instructor to provide classes twice on Mondays and Wednesdays for 10 seniors per class for a period covering January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. Following questions, it was M Riggins S Stephens and C (with Glazebrook objecting due to the retroactive nature of the request) to approve the request as submitted.

The second request was for \$1100 to provide art therapy classes for 5-10 seniors two Thursdays a month. It was M Lassiter S Riggins and C (with Glazebrook objecting for the same reason as previous and Whyte abstaining) to approve an amount not to exceed \$1100 for art therapy for a period from January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

The third request was to finance Laughter Yoga classes for 5-10 seniors two Thursday a month from January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. It was M Stephens S Lassiter and C (with Glazebrook opposed and Whyte abstaining) to approve the request as submitted.

With no comments from the public, the next meeting was announced for June 10, 2021 followed by a motion by M Lassiter S Whyte C unanimously to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.

Submitted by Tanya Glazebrook
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved at the regular meeting of the Hospital Authority June 10, 2021.