

**Glendale Heights Center for Senior Citizens
Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting
April 22, 2024
Minutes**

PRESENT

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This is a special meeting called by Keith Knautz to address the senior center's budget. He reviewed the recent years of the budget and explained that much time was spent in review of the entire Leisure Services Division of the village.

All three departments (Hub, Golf Course and Senior Center) were divided and costs reviewed separately. Current loss for the senior center in FY 23-24 is \$270,000. A budgeted loss for FY24-25 is \$310,000. The purpose of this meeting is to see how we can propose to make that loss a lot smaller.

We have a grant available or \$192,000 for three years from Illinois which we would like to apply for. The previous grant which we received paid for most of the renovations being done now. We need to plan for the future with good budget changes. The proposed increases and changes would start in January 2025.

Keith asked the group to propose a goal number to shoot for in FY 24-25. Suggestions were \$125,000, \$175,000, \$225,000, and \$250,000. In addition all union contracts and health insurance increases will be reviewed.

Keith identified the key areas to concentrate on for change:

- 1. Salon – (loss of \$35,000)**

Discussion:

We are the only senior center in the area that has a salon. The salon brings a lot of good will to the community.

Prices are comparable to Great Clips which is haircuts only.

The current employee is a union employee and works on an hourly wage. We may be able to assign the employee to other duties and/or require an increase in appointments.

Currently non-seniors pay an extra fee

We may be able to rent the second chair to another stylist

2. Bus - \$15,000 loss

Discussion:

The bus runs 3 days a week from 9:00am – 1:00pm

Approximately 3-9 people ride the bus per day

Repairs are done outside the budget and we may need a new bus or major repairs in a year.

A new bus costs \$125,000. We would need a grant to purchase one.

The alternative for current riders would be Pace Bus or RTA Bus. Pace bus fee is less than ours.

We could advertize the Pace bus use in our activity guide.

All bus services lose money.

3. Community Room Rental – Senior center makes money here

Discussion:

These fees will definitely increase by \$25.00 an hour. Effective May 1, 2024 the fee will be \$600 per night with \$100 for staff.

130 people can be in the room with use of the patio.

There are no employee discounts and no resident discounts.

The Village room rentals are at three levels:

Sports Hub – Low

Senior Center – Medium

Golf Course - High

The weekend hours are very busy. We may be able to add hours that can be rented.

4. General Membership

Discussion:

Current membership fees:

Glendale Heights Resident - \$5.00 per year

Non – Resident - \$30.00 per year

We currently have 500 resident members; the reset non-residents

Proposed increases:

Resident 0 \$30.00 per year

Non-resident - \$60.00 per year

We need more exposure for the center and more research on other senior centers.

5. Fitness Classes (\$7,000 loss)

Discussion:

All classes are currently free to members.

Teacher led classes are expensive:

We can look to charge \$2.00 per class using a punch card system for instructor led classes,
\$20.00 for 10 classes

Yoga

Tai chi

Ageless Grace

Forever Fit

Total Body Fit

6. Fitness Room - \$4,500 revenue

Discussion:

33 people use the fitness room. We should keep it for a few people?

We can turn it into a multi-purpose room with vending machines

Replace some of the less used equipment with more treadmills

7. Monthly Events

Charge \$2.00 or \$3.00 more

8. Craft Classes

No discussion. Can charge more.

9. Sponsorship

It was proposed that we should get companies to sponsor the center. We have had some companies bring in food. It would be preferred to make monetary donation.

10. Fundraising

We do fund raisers. In the future we need to do more often.

They don't earn a large amount but doing more often is positive.

Need to get nonprofit number to take advantage of more opportunities. It is pending.

11. Coffee

No discussion

12. Bingo

Currently there is no fee paid to the senior center but there are expenses.
Most senior centers charge an admittance fee and fee for cards.

13. Pool Table

Maintenance costs for table are high.
Maybe a fee to play games.

14. Senior Center Hours

Currently the hours are 7:30am to 5:00pm Suggest changing to 8:00am to 4:30pm. There are very few people coming in the late afternoon.

Keith will call another meeting to follow up with proposals probably in early June.
The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Soo