Loveland Senior Advisory Board

Loveland Public Library, Gertrude Scott Room

Minutes of September 7, 2016

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Board Members Present: Anne Brown, Elaine Brush, Carmen Cisneros, Kim Ferro, Phoebe Hawley, Dixie Huff, Marigail Jury, Sherri Stinnett, Julie Demaree and Richard Zlamany.

Excused: Debby Ahrens, Linda Aron and Donita Fogle.

Absent: Leah Johnson.

Guests: Barbara Schoenberger and Brian Ruddle, presenters and Paulette Barkley, Sharon Zamora and Karol Stroschein.

The meeting was called to order at 10:33 a.m.

Minutes of August 3, 2016 accepted with a change on page 2 of the local candidate forum time from 3:00 to 4:30 pm, corrected to 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Anne Brown approved the change, Kim Ferro seconded and they were approved.

Barbara Schoenberger and Brian Ruddle from AARP presented their Take a Stand on Social Security campaign in northern Colorado. They are promoting a road to Social Security solvency through advocacy with federal legislators.

They informed us that Social Security is the foundation to successful aging and helping those with disabilities and those relying on survivor benefits to live well. Social Security also impacts the total economy vibrancy by providing income to many citizens. Finding a solution to keeping it operation is imperative.

We were told that by 2034 the shortfall in Social Security income will cause benefits to be cut by about 25%. To prevent this from happening Take a Stand is trying to impact political campaigns with a 4 phase campaign consisting of:

1. Primaries,
2. General election – hoping to put pressure on the candidates,
3. Transition period of November 2016 – January 2017 continuing to pressure new electees, and
4. Continue to exert pressure for legislation with the new administration.

Take a Stand has a website and a Facebook page. They have an AARP Roadshow scheduled for September 15 at 1 pm. at the Fort Collins Senior Center. They would be glad to an event in Loveland.

Marigail Jury reported that they held a PFAC Writers Tea sponsored by the Culture on Aging group. They will be continuing their current blog and are printing a compilation of articles to hand out at Bridging the Gap.

Kim Ferro reminded us that Saturday, September from 9:00 to 11:30 am, Reinventing Aging with be held at MCR. Registration is free, but caps at 200 participants.

Bridging the Gap is Wednesday, September 21 at the Fort Collins Hilton with the SOAP Troupe performing. Registration is $24 and closes Friday, September 9th. It was moved by Marigail Jury that as a Senior Advisory Board member, if you register and help at the event you will be reimbursed one half of the fee. This was seconded by Richard Zlamany and carried.

We received a resignation letter from Marlene Quattrocchi. We have a possible appointee to replace Doug Eastin.

Travel Training will continue on the third Tuesday of the month in September and October, but will be suspended in the winter months.

Senior Singles is meeting Friday, September 9 at noon at the Mexican Inn.

At 12:07 Kim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Marigail, and we were adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Dixie Huff

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