

**Redwood Coast Senior Center
Board of Directors Meeting,
Wednesday, March 1, 2017 10:30am**

Board Members Present: Claudia Boudreau, Rick Banker, Zomala Abell, Michael Carroll

Staff Present: Charles Bush, Executive Director

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 10:35am

Public Comments: None

Approval of February Agenda as Amended: Carroll Moved, Boudreau 2nd

Approval of January Minutes: Carroll Moved, Banker 2nd

Financial Report and Discussion

Discussion re various line items. Lunch donations still low. Extra expense from staff vacation and illness continues. Finances up a bit from donations, capital earnings and equipment savings. Overall budget is satisfactory.

Operations Report and Discussion

Staffing: Discussion re possibility of a new staff person, Laurie is working 3/4 position and doing great.

Food Service: Long and lively discussion re food service, various suggestions about what might help, changed signage, membership, comparison with other senior centers.

Advocacy Programs: Tax preparation is happening at full capacity everyday. There are 4 people volunteering time. One hundred people being served. End of Life course going well. Forums successful. All of the education and advocacy programs increase the number of people getting acquainted with the Senior Center.

Transportation: This is going well, but very difficult to find new bus drivers. One person away, another using a smaller vehicle as opposed to bus to fill needs. The new bus grant application has been completed. The Garden Grant is moving along.

New Business

The meeting with the B Corp. person, Heather Paulsen, Gowan Batiste of Fortunate Farms, and Joe Seta of the North Coast Brewery was very productive. It is possible that Fortunate Farms will have a direct produce relationship with the Senior Center. There may be volunteers donating their time regularly to the Senior Center from Fortunate Farms and the Brewery. There was also a meeting with the manager of the Ft. Bragg school gardens. The possibility of the distribution of CSA boxes taking place at the Senior Center was discussed. All of these connections are beneficial to all parties and when in operation could, at the least, lower our food costs while improving our food quality.

Discussion of staff wages raised the questions of changing the caps on sick leave, or getting rid of any caps on sick leave, and the questions about saving up either sick leave or vacation time. This will be looked into further.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.
Next meeting March 29th, 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Zomala Abell, Secretary