

# Arizona Senior Academy Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting February 26, 2020

Members Present: Peter Backus, Ed Reid, Chris Sheafe, John Carruth, Dan Angelo, Marcia Neugebauer, Virginia Richardson, Gary Fenstermacher, Sabra Anderson (by phone).

Not present: Maria Dobozy, Helen Schaefer, Bruce Wright, Fred Volkmann

Guests: Deon Holt, Jim Johnson, Marna Broekhoff, Nelson Hubbell, Leslie Nitzberg, Bill McCormack

I. Peter Backus, Chair of the ASA Board, called the meeting together at 9:00 a.m.

1. Agenda Review and Approval of Nov. 20, 2019 minutes: approved unanimously
2. Election of new non-resident board member, John Carruth: approved unanimously

II. President's Report: Dan Angelo

1. New Piano: Dan called on Leslie Nitzberg, ASA Music Liaison, to describe the new Steinway piano that has been donated to the ASA by resident Robin Gaither. The existing piano, which was donated to the ASA 18 years ago by residents Roger and Barbaranne Shepard is being sold back to them for use by their family. Dan thanked Leslie for helping to arrange this; and praised the Shepards for providing the possibility for many wonderful concerts over the years with the donation of their piano.

2. ASA and Vail School District Projects: Dan has been meeting with Vail School District officials to consider adding to the existing joint projects such as "Book Share" .

3. ASA and the University of Arizona: Dan has met with an administrator of the U of A Social and Behavioral Sciences Off-Campus Non-Credit program to consider some joint efforts with ASA.

4. Dan has asked resident Jim Johnson to become the Director of Technology—a new ASA position.

5. Renovation of the Great Room. Plans are being developed for the expansion of the Great Room. It is being planned to begin in August. Dan noted that the plans and costs are just being developed and will be presented to the Board at the next meeting. It is expected that lectures will be continued in the summer in the seminar rooms, but the music program will be curtailed during that time.

III. Academy Services Report: Gary Fenstermacher

Gary explained that the closing of the Wellness and In-home Health Programs has been a significant loss to our community, particularly for our older residents. Many of these residents moved to Academy Village in the belief that sufficient healthcare services would be available so that they would not need to move again. Unfortunately, with the loss of these programs (as well as daily food service), a number of residents are leaving Academy Village to move into senior healthcare facilities located elsewhere in Tucson or nearby communities.

Gary requested that the Board consider giving its support to a strategic planning initiative in order to address what services, programs, and support facilities should be provided by ASA, ASC, and the HOA over the next five to ten years. He recommended that this planning initiative be done as a joint project of the ASA, HOA, and ASC.

Dan Angelo commented that such an effort could be considered at an upcoming meeting of the heads of the three organizations (ASA, ASC and the HOA). Peter Backus noted that the ASA board would need carefully drawn plans, along with their financial implications, before the board would be in a position to make an informed decision.

#### IV. Building Maintenance: Bill McCourt

Dan referred to the attached memo from Bill McCourt that included a description of the new solar system and a labyrinth built by resident volunteers. A set of issues involving windows that were improperly installed, roof leaks, and trellis joints are being addressed.

#### V. Programs: Marcia Neugebauer

Marcia described the types and numbers of 2019 ASA programs (see attached). She mentioned the increasing number of art activities, and that there is now a coordinator of art workshops and classes. The number of Humanities presentations now exceed those of Science, indicating a change in the interests of residents.

Every attempt will be made to continue the lecture presentations this summer during the renovations by holding them in the seminar rooms. The summer presentations will continue this summer during the renovations.

#### VI. Budget: Sabra Anderson

Sabra described the apparent 2019 budget deficit as a bookkeeping issue related to the timing of transferring money to reserves. Sabra moved and Marcia seconded that the 2020 budget be accepted by the Board. The 2020 budget was approved unanimously.

#### Comments from the Audience:

- An expression of disappointment in the reduction in services in Academy Village, particularly those related to services for the more elderly—such as wellness, home health and food services.
- A set of suggestions related to lecture presentations:
  - A request for more attention being paid to structuring lecture presentations to include possibilities for discussion of the topic
  - More topics addressing the Southwest
  - More multiple-session lectures

Motion to adjourn presented by Peter Backus, seconded by Gary Fenstermacher, and accepted unanimously by members: 10:22 a.m.

—Minutes presented by Virginia Richardson