

MINUTES
SENIOR CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR SESSION
March 2, 2006

Members Present

Joseph Celso
Jane Ketcham
J.D. Williams
Annette Vineyard
Sonja Hammar

Members Not Present

Mary Norman
Dave Heinze
Naomi Sanit
Sue Barron

Parks and Recreation Staff Present

Colette Hall, Diann Hand

The meeting was called to order by Joe Celso approximately 6:35 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Guest Comments

No guest comments.

2. Speaker – Steve Stovall and Allen Smith

Allen gave some background on The Senior Services Network and how a group of five businessmen began volunteering in 1995 to address local telecommunications issues in Plano. They created The Public Information Exchange, known as “thepie.org”, in 1998 to help centralize information for local residents.

Steve explained that their website is a convenient directory of services available to the public. There are links to local and national government agencies, private business, churches, etc., as well as useful phone numbers and information. They need the Board's help in making the public aware of the website and welcome volunteers to help update information on their website. The Public Information Exchange is a non-profit organization.

3. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes from the February 2, 2006 meeting with a correction to add Jean Callison as attending the meeting.

5. News Articles

The Board's first article appeared in the March issue of the *Plano Senior Center Newsletter*. The article was an update on the survey conducted in 2005 to identify the concerns of seniors in Plano. Joe will send his article on transportation to Colette for the April issue by Monday. The Board needs to start drafting future articles so they can be reviewed before being submitted. Colette will send the transportation article as well as the list of future article topics to the *Plano Profile* for consideration.

1. Old Business

Colette will remind Cynthia O'Banner from Property Standards that she is scheduled to speak at the April 6, 2006 meeting regarding hoarding by seniors.

2. New Business

Sonja is concerned about the bird flu and how seniors are included in emergency plans. She will check with Brian Collins from the Environmental Health Department about speaking at a future meeting. Joe has invited John Byers from the S.A.I.L. (Seniors Active in Learning) program to speak to the Board in April.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm.

Chairperson

Date