

COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Stoughton Room, Stoughton Area Senior Center

Present: Bob Barnett, Roz Gausman, Lou Havlik, Barb Manson, Pat O'Connor, Mary Onsager, Faith Schuck, Jeanne Schwass-Long, David Sharpe, Charlotte Snow, Susan Wollin

Staff Present: Cindy McGlynn, Hollee Camacho

Absent & Excused: Nancy Hoffman

Call to order: L. Havlik called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

September Minutes: L. Havlik noted a few typos. Moved by P. O'Connor, C. Snow seconded to approve with edits; passed unanimously.

Director Comments

- A survey from the County's Area Agency on Aging was emailed to COA members requesting to guide their next 3-Year Aging Plan. Cindy encourages all to take it; noting the importance of having the County aware of any trends or concerns from our rural perspective. If you have any questions, please give Cindy a call. L. Havlik said it was quick. B. Manson mentioned it was a little complicated if one didn't have knowledge of the current issues.
- No updates since last month on the City Budget.
- We have received Bryant Foundation funds to replace the tables on our main level.
- Center parking is an increasing issue. Per contract, the business rentals are allowed one parking space in the garage. Otherwise all other spaces surrounding the Center are public. Cindy recognizes there is no easy issue solution. She has asked the police whether signage is possible to mark spaces for our participants in front of the Center or along the River during our open hours. Discussion followed about Livsreise's lot and the safety issues with parking across the street.
- The Stoughton Dementia Friendly Coalition is offering a quarterly educational series and has developed purple folders with information and resources that we hope all local clinics will hand-out when they diagnose patients with dementia. These are also available at our Center for when people are ready to come in and talk about their loved ones' diagnosis.

Senior Center Staff Update: We interviewed for the 10-hour Township Case Manager position two weeks ago. We are awaiting on HR to do reference checks and hope to make an offer next week.

Accreditation: Some additional evaluations were requested by NISC, which Hollee sent a couple weeks ago. We are waiting to hear back from them for an onsite review date.

Committee Reports:

Fund Development: Lou Havlik

- Members are meeting with financial planners to distribute the Ways of Giving brochure.
- Viking Brew Pub will be hosting a fundraiser for us October 23 from 6:00-8:00 PM. Tickets and flyers are available at the front desk. \$25 ticket includes beer and wine tasting and

hors d'oeuvres from our own Kim Whitford! Big thanks to Vik and Laurie for providing their space and time; Charlene for talking with Virtual Foundry about sponsoring the food; Thrivent Financial for directing \$250 towards advertising and Cabibbo's Bakery for donating biscotti; and Keith Kvalheim for donating a signed, framed Ethel Kvalheim rosemaled painting to our silent auction. Please contact Charlene if you have ideas for other silent auction items.

- Committee and staff are discussing a mailing to all 53589 mailing addresses to provide awareness of our Center's services, request donations, and announce our Center's 25-year anniversary of being in this building and to advertise another fundraising event in late spring or early summer. Public Relations and Volunteer Committees will also be involved with this mailing.

Public Relations: Bob Barnett

- Discussed brochures to be finalized and area conference options. The Senior Expo participation cost (\$400) is still deemed too expensive, but decided the Center will continue to have a presence at the Community Expo (\$50 cost).
- Group is looking at what it will take to coordinate a community-wide volunteer fair.

Evaluation: Hollee requested committee members to stay to schedule a meeting this month.

Program and Volunteer: Charlene will be calling these meetings soon.

Legislative Update:

- No news on the City's 2019 Budget. Currently a lot is being proposed with limited funds.
- The County's Budget looks fine.
- The County's Area Agency on Aging (AAA) proposes to change the meal and transportation service areas in 2019 so they align with the current case management service area. Discussion followed about the previous and current boundaries and the potential consequences if they are changed.
 - History: In the early 1990's, the Stoughton Area Senior Center staff provided case management for all surrounding townships (Albion, Christiana, Dunkirk, Dunn, Pleasant Springs, and Rutland). When the City requested extra funding, the County created contracts which divided the areas between McFarland, and Oregon.
 - Currently: Stoughton provides case management for Albion and Dunkirk; provides meals and transportation for shopping, meal sites and out-of-town medical appointments to residents living in the Dane County portion of the Stoughton School District (parts of the towns of Albion, Christiana, Cottage Grove, Deerfield, Dunkirk, Dunn, Pleasant Springs and Rutland).
 - Proposal: While the changes proposed by the County may simplify the explanation of service areas, all services following where case management is offered. We are concerned that seniors may be dissatisfied with the change in services and in some instances, underserved.
 - Aside from handling calls from frustrated residents of surrounding towns who would like to continue receiving rides to our meal site or local stores, this change

will not likely affect Stoughton staff aside from decreasing the number of home delivered meals we provide.

- It is proposed that McFarland Senior Center will case manage and provide transportation and meals to residents of Christiana, Dunn, Pleasant Springs, and Cambridge. And Oregon Senior Center will case manage and provide transportation and meals to residents of Rutland.
- B. Manson states she is concerned that people will be less likely to request help.
- L. Havlik noted the smaller pool of volunteers that McFarland and Oregon have to draw upon for meal delivery and RSVP medical rides concerns her.
- P. O'Connor said he's concerned that these issues weren't brainstormed with the leaders of these Centers or towns prior to making the decision.
- Cindy has been asked to meet with the staff of AAA, RSVP, McFarland and Oregon Senior Centers later today and will report back next month.

Election Day is November 6: Decided to change our next meeting to Monday, November 5.

Meeting Adjourned: Moved by J. Schwass-Long, seconded by F. Schuck to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 5, 2018 at 11:00 AM