

CHISAGO COUNTY BOARD ON AGING MEETING

June 20, 2024

The Chisago County Board on Aging was called to order on June 20th, 2024, at 9:33 am by President, Carol Gilquist. A Quorum was present. Those present included officers: Carol Gilquist, Carol Stradinger, and Terry Reyer; Directors: Connie Kaiser, Pam Schultz, Connie Jaques, Gwendolyn Swenson, Henry Scott, Gary Fladland, Betty Schlipp, Marge Scheele and Cathy Buda.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Invocation was read by Carol G.

A motion was made by Kathy B. and seconded by Connie K. to accept the Secretary's Report as corrected. To accept with the addition of the water bottle filler. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Gary F. and seconded by Henry S. to accept the Treasurer's Report as present. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Old Vacuums: The first old vacuum was brought back in for replacement of the cord and new beater brushes. Have not had a response back on it yet. They will call when it is ready to pick up.
2. Investments: They have not been done yet. Mid July is the cutoff date to decide and make a purchase on a Business CD. Right now, the interest rate is at 5.1% -5.2%. Was suggested that we move ahead and make a purchase and do one or two Business CD's. The officers would go in and make the purchase.
3. Future needs of the center in relation to Ecumen: A committee was formed to decide long term needs at the center. A list of future needs and wants was emailed and sent to Deanna S. at Ecumen. We will continue talking with Deanna about our future needs and concerns.
4. Events to participate in annually: This year we will be renting a space at the Almelund Apple Festival. The festival is held on the third Sunday in September. This year it will be September 15th. It will be for one day only. This local event focuses on introducing children to the immigrant way of life and living and enjoying delicious apple desserts. We will need to form a committee for this event. Will need to set up and take down. Gwen shared that she would make the reservations. There had been a discussion of having 4 active fund raiser events a year. Will need to get the dates for these events and then be able to advertise. Tables Around Town is the centers largest fund raiser.
5. Contract for Services: Letters were sent out to cities and to townships requesting a donation in exchange for services. Some of the townships and cities have sent them back signed with

their donations. As of today, the center has received \$6,290.00 in donations. Thank you, letters were sent out.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Furniture for the lobby: Discussion on replacing chairs for the lobby and center. Sharing concerns about what kind of chairs would work best, size and material for the chairs. Getting chairs with arms would be a good idea. The chairs in the dining room are vinyl and are easy to clean. The chairs that were purchased earlier this year from Wayfair have been good chairs and the company was easy to work with. Possible places to look for gently used commercial grade furniture were also suggested. Estate sales, Nursing homes, Senior homes.
2. Recruitment for board members: There are 5 positions that are open for our annual elections for board members in October. Being open to share with friends and family about recruiting new members. A reminder will be put in the Newsletter.

COMMITTEES

Tables Around Town (TAT): This was a fun and successful event. The cost of the event was reviewed and the prices were correct. There were about 80 guests and the theme this year was "Throw Back Event", celebrating the 70's, 80's & 90's. Next year the theme will be "Kentucky Derby"

Language revamp on rental agreement: This has been put on hold.

Fall Craft Fair: Sarah has put some information in the newsletter about this event. In the near future, ideas for getting the building ready and for people to help clean up.

ACTIVITIES

Potluck: Potluck was a week late this month due to Mother's Day on May 12th. The attendance for May was 31, \$82 donation. In June 26 attended and \$48 donation.

Exercise: Connie K. Classes are going well.

Games: 500, Cribbage, Hand and Foot, Bingo and Dominos all are well attended. Attendance is growing! The games are going well.

Music: Is going well.

Movie: 11 people were present. Movie Day time: Will be taking a break during the summer months and will start again in October.

OFFICE REPORT

Carol S. noted that things are going well. Cindy is out right now. Kay has retired. There was a Scam Prevention class set up for June and will be rescheduled for September or October this year. Maybe set up another Red Cross Blood drive this year.

MEDIA SPECIALIST: Connie J. is now doing the newsletter and is doing a fabulous job. She has added a new format and shared some new ideas for the letter.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

Was shared how we at the center share about what is happening at the center, how to get people on board and have information about the history to be written up so more people understand what the center does and what are their goals for the community.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Gary F. and seconded by Connie K. to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 AM. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Reyer, Secretary