CHISAGO COUNTY BOARD ON AGING MEETING

February 20, 2025

The Chisago County Board on Aging was called to order February 20, 2025, at 9:30 AM by President, Carol Gilquist. A Quorum was present. Those present included <u>Officers</u>: Carol Gilquist, Terry Reyer and Betty Schlipp. <u>Directors</u>: Cathy Buda, Barb Cuppett, Connie Jaques, Connie Kaiser, Marge Scheele, Pam Schultz, and Carol Stradinger.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Invocation was read by Connie K.

A motion was made by Connie K. and seconded by Cathy B. to accept the Secretary's Report as accepted and corrected. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Cathy B. and seconded by Pam S. to accept the Treasurer's Report as present. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Now member of the North Branch Chamber for 2025: We are now members with the North Branch Chamber for 2025. They have luncheons. Anyone can go to a luncheon to promote the Senior Center. Sthe luncheons are \$20.00. We are members at Chisago Lakes, Rush City and North Branch Chambers for 2025.

Website Management Change Done: The website is moving forward with the help of EASYITGUYS for set-ups and technology solutions. Carol was working with the license domain name and is now able to access the account and is now a primary account person for the center. Brian reversed the credit card charges for the center and rebilled the center for 2 months for \$60.00 instead of a fee of \$300.00. The center got back everything except for 2 months.

Review and motion to accept the 990 for 2024: Board Members were presented with a copy of the 990-EZ form and were asked to take it home and review it. The members reviewed the forms and at the meeting a motion was made by Pam S. and seconded by Cathy B. to accept the 990-EZ report. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Tables Around Town in full swing: A flier is being worked on to be sent out for the event. The letter and invoice are ready. Tables Around Town will be on April 26th this year. It is usually on the first Saturday of May, but this year there was a conflict with the auctioneer. There will be a need for help in setting up for Friday and Saturday.

Break-in, New keys: An employee from Catholic Charities walked off the job with a key that was to be returned. The night before, a discrete person came into the kitchen and loaded up a cart with food. A police report was made both by Catholic Charities and the Senior Center. The main door from the kitchen to the outside needed to be rekeyed. Many new keys needed to be made. A cell phone was also taken from the kitchen area.

Update to frozen pipe and damage: Everything is now back in place where it belongs. The carpet has been cleaned. An exterior wall still needs to be washed. Wiring around a pipe was noticed and that is not code. That needs to be addressed. A heater up in the ceiling in the entry way was not working. Also, the weather striping on the doors is not good. There is more work that needs to be done on the ceiling. There has been no timeline set yet to get everything finished. There was a new thermostat that was replaced in the conference room.

Congregate dining when Senior Center is closed: A note from Catholic Charities from a lady from St. Cloud had a concern about can the Senior Center be open for congregate dining when the Senior Center is closed due to inclement weather as of the 18th? The schools were closed due to cold weather. She said closing policies are not on the contract. Carol checked the contract and it was not. The North Branch Schools usually close for snowy days. When the schools close, the Center closes.

COMMITTEES: Pam S. shared a concern about the lack of transportation for Seniors. Arrowhead Transit is launching a RideSmart 2025, aimed at enhancing public transportation services in Chisago and Isanti counties. Pam also shared a write up that was written in the Chisago County Press about the Chisago County Senior Center. Shared activities that are going on at the center. Alot of great information was shared and encouraged readers to see and read the monthly calendar that the Chisago County Senior Center puts out monthly. Phone number and web page were added to the article.

ACTIVITIES:

Potluck: 25 attended, \$87 donation

Exercise: Classes are going well.

Games: The games are going well.

Music: Is going pretty good.

Movie Day: For Movie Day, there were 5 people who came. The movie was seen in the activity room. Next month, the 2nd Tuesday of the month, will be playing "Going In Style" in the activity room.

OFFICE REPORT: Carol S. noted that things are going well. There are always things to do.

MEDIA SPECIALIST: Connie J. has shared that it is going well. She would like to put together a Newsletter Team. Having entry level volunteers to help go through and update website to make up a handout of our resources.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS: Copies will be made available for new members about: What are the responsibilities of being a Board member. A reminder about Arrowhead Transit. Arrowhead would like to hear from the community in their survey to help improve public transportation.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Marge S. and seconded by Connie K. to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 AM. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Reyer, Secretary