

CHISAGO COUNTY BOARD ON AGING MEETING

March 20, 2025

The Chisago County Board on Aging was called to order March 20, 2025, at 9:32 AM by President, Carol Gilquist. A Quorum was present. Those present included Officers: Carol Gilquist, Betty Schlipp, Todd Fisk and Terry Reyer. Directors: Cathy Buda, Barb Cuppett, Connie Jaques, Marge Scheele, Henry Scott, Pam Schultz, Carol Stradinger and Gwen Swenson.

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

A motion was made by Cathy B. and seconded by Barb C. to accept the Secretary's Report as amended and approved. The motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Update on water damage: The carpet was professionally cleaned; everything is now back in its proper place. They did a nice job on the carpet. The ceiling has been cleaned where there was water damage. The ceiling tiles were taken out and now cleaned and now are back up. An exterior wall still needs to be washed. There is one overhead LED strip light that still needs to be replaced.

The agreement on weather closing with CC: The center closed due to the extreme cold that day. The Catholic Charities in St. Cloud didn't agree with the closure and wanted the ability to be open for congregate dining even if we were not. They then asked if they could have a key for in the future that would be kept in St. Cloud in their main office. The center closes on the days that the North Branch Schools close due to snow and ice conditions. WCMP radio station announces school closings due to weather conditions.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of floors cleaned prior to TAT: A discussion was brought up whether the center should clean, strip and then redo the Activity Room floor before TAT. In the past they had another company do the floor, but the board has not been happy with the end results. Connie K. had shared that the men at St. Gregory are willing to do the floors at no cost. They do their own Fellowship Hall on a regular basis. They have all the materials and machines to do the Activity Room floor. The board agreed on giving a donation to St. Gregory Church for doing the Activity Room. The carpet in the Dining Room will also need to be cleaned. Carol will call and get a bid for a professional cleaner for the carpet. That also will be set up to be cleaned before TAT. A motion was made by Gwen S. and seconded by Henry S. that the Activity Room be stripped, cleaned and waxed by the volunteers from St. Gregory Church. Carol will contact Connie K.

about the men doing the floor before TAT April 26th. A motion was made by Gwen S. and seconded by Henry S. to have the Dining Room carpet cleaned before TAT April 26th. Carol S. had suggested putting the carpet cleaning and floor waxing on an annual maintenance list for each year. She will look back in the past minutes to see if it is already on. It was brought up that this should be addressed in the month of February, then to get bids and the board will vote in March for who will be doing the floors.

Possible new color printer for office: The discussion came up on getting a new printer. The printer that they are using now was purchased around 2015. There are several features and options that were discussed. Having a color printer would be great for doing the TAT fliers and other copies for the office. Options on doing a lease also came up where the center would pay a monthly fee, where it did not matter how much toner was used each month and includes service if necessary. It is about \$536.00 for servicing the printer with Metro Sales. This was tabled. Todd will check on getting bids as to purchase or lease a printer plus a service program.

COMMITTEES:

TAT: Tables Around Town is in full swing: A flier and letters have been sent out. About 230 plus letters have been sent out. Tables Around Town will be on April 26th this year. There are a few things that will be needed to get before the event. TAT is usually on the first Saturday of May, but this year there was a conflict with the auctioneer. Will need volunteers and participants for help in setting up for Friday and Saturday. Carol had been to two Chamber meetings and created events on both of their websites. It is slowly coming together.

Safety Committee: The safety team made an inventory of all the rooms and then put together a compiled list of what will be needed. They will need a flashlight to go back into the Mechanical Room to see what is there. They made notes of areas that they are concerned about and were not able to finish with the Dining Room and kitchen that day. It was a good start.

ACTIVITIES:

Potluck: 27 attended, \$74 donation

Exercise: Classes are going well.

Games: The games are going well.

Music: Is going well.

Movie Day: For Movie Day, there were 7 people who came. Next month, the 2nd Tuesday of the month, will be playing “The Six Triple 8”. The movie is based on the article “Fighting a Two-Front War”

OFFICE REPORT: Carol S. noted that things are going well. There are always things to do. People are eager to work and help. The RSVP program is slowly phasing out. This is the last month for turning in paperwork.

MEDIA SPECIALIST: All the new changes are going well. Connie has been changing things around on the webpage making them easier to view. Putting on new pictures and taking old ones off.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS: A church group has been booked to meet in the Dining Room on Sundays from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm starting the 1st part of May. After the service they are planning on eating a meal and they also hope to join for potlucks at the center. There are about 30 members and they are a non-profit church.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Marge S. and seconded by Barb C. to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 AM. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Reyer, Secretary