

CHISAGO COUNTY BOARD ON AGING MEETING

May 15, 2025

The Chisago County Board on Aging was called to order May 15, 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, Pam Schultz, Henry Scott, Carol Stradinger and Gwen Swenson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Invocation was read by Barb C.

A motion was made by Carol S. and seconded by Barb C. to accept the Secretary's Report as present and to be amended. The motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Printer Replace Discussion: Todd F. sent out a proposal for a solution for 2 printers from Metro Sales Inc. for the center and the Board had voted on buying the C2510 printer. With the new printer and maintenance quarterly plan, it was mentioned that maybe the Newsletters could be printed at the center. The cost breaks down per sheet would be like .6 or .7 cents a copy. The printer does not have a stapler with it, but the letter could be printed as a booklet and then folded by the printer. The newsletters for being printed at the center is an option that could wait. If the newsletter was to be printed at the center, they can try to print in-house or otherwise John, at Post Haste, would still be the centers back up when needed. It was also mentioned about having more business in Wyoming receiving the Newsletters that would be able to reach more seniors as options for events and happenings in North Branch and the Chisago County Senior Center. A motion was made by Marge S. and seconded by Henry S. to not purchase a stapler for the new printer and go with the original plan. The motion passed.

Reminder of Blood Drive: The next Blood Drive will be on Tuesday May 27th. Fliers are up and the advertising for the drive has been sent out. The numbers have been down for the blood drive and Josh had shared that during the summer months and holidays, the drive is lower in numbers.

NEW BUSINESS

Can we have the ability to accept credit cards for payment to the center, update the Square, including Venmo or something like it? The center has been using the Square as a payment processing tool. The transactions are then done manually. It is not used often, but it works well. It was suggested that the Square should be cleaned to be working more

efficiently. They will investigate using the Square more. The use of credit cards to be used at the center is very small. Maybe 2 people in 2 years wanted to use one. Todd had set up an account on our web site for donations. The Stripe Company charges a fee less than 2% per payment.

COMMITTEES:

TAT: Tables Around Town this year was a smaller gathering, yet successful in its own way. The event gross - \$15,835, after expenses, Net - \$13,357 (approximately). For the printing of posters and programs, the cost to Post Haste was \$250.00. The Raffle tickets collected \$1,120., Silent auction \$980., Plinko \$270, the dessert table \$725. 4-H sold \$480. in beads and the wine table \$160. Jim Jorgenson did a great job as the auctioneer this year. Wonderful donations were set up and bids were made. The caterer did a wonderful job this year. The caterer set up for 80 people and 70 meals were prepared and served. Leftovers were shared and taken home. The North Branch Football players walked around with appetizers before the meal as people were visiting and then later served the tables with the main meal. They really did a fantastic job serving and helping with the cleanup. Many hands helped on Friday before the event to set up the tables and room. All who helped set up, clean and prepare, were able to leave early in the afternoon. Thank You letters will be written and sent out the following week.

Safety Committee: Nothing to report for this month. Pam and Barb are still working on updates from the center. Pam plans on talking with Deanna soon and will share the current updates next month.

ACTIVITIES:

Potluck: Will be coming up. It will be the 3rd Sunday, May 18th

Exercise: Classes are going well.

Games: The games are going well. Dominos time: 10:00-11:30

Music: Is going well. A big turnout.

Movie Day: May 13th, "Jungle Cruise" was played and 7 people came. The movie was an American fantasy adventure. A \$17.00 donation was given. Next month, the movie that will be playing is Top Gun: Maverick.

OFFICE REPORT: Carol S. noted that things are going fine. There are always things to do. The subs are getting time in the office and everyone seems to now be trained.

MEDIA SPECIALIST: Is going great! Connie is looking for new events to add to the Newsletter. Suggestions were brought up to list the future County Fairs, Craft Shows and

Music in the Park menu with the surrounding counties. Information from the local Chambers have their websites set up for fun summer activities. We are members of all three chambers. (North Branch, Rush City and Chisago Lakes) The Newsletters and web pages are looking great.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS: The discussion on the piano in the dining Room was brought up and a suggestion was made to have the piano tuned. It has been some time since it was last tuned. Carol S. had shared that she would ask someone from her church who tunes their church piano and see if they would be available to tune the piano at the center. The burners on the stove in the kitchen were approved, checked and cleaned. We are now going to have a schedule set up for maintenance. Cathy B. shared that she can call MN Energy on Friday and set up a future maintenance plan for the gas stove in the kitchen.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Cathy B. & seconded by Barb C. to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 AM.

The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Reyer, Secretary