

CHISAGO COUNTY BOARD ON AGING MEETING

July 17, 2025

The Chisago County Board on Aging was called to order July 17, 2025, at 9:36 AM by President, Carol Gilquist. A Quorum was present. Those present included Officers: Carol Gilquist, Betty Schlipp, and Terry Reyer. Directors: Cathy Buda, Barb Cuppett, Connie Jaques, Connie Kaiser, Marge Scheele, Carol Stradinger, Pam Schultz, Henry Scott, Gwen Swenson. Not present: Todd Fisk

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

A motion was made by Carol S. and seconded by Connie K. to accept the Secretary's Report as present. The motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Printer Replacement & Training: A call was made to Marvin about getting help with the new printer. There are still a few issues that need to be worked on using the new printer. Carol and Connie are the two main people right now working and figuring out features with the printer such as how to use it with emailing, printing booklets and using other features. Soon they will be training others in how to use the printer.

Blood Drive: August 14th, **Apple Festival**, Sept. 21st, **Age Well Expo**, October 17th, **Senior Center Fall Craft Fair**, October 25th (set up will be on Friday October 24th), **Christmas Concert**, December 21st A motion was made by Gwen S. and seconded by Marge S. to enter the center to join the Chisago Age Well Expo, pay the fee and have a booth for October 17th. The motion passed.

Recruitment: October is coming quickly. There will be a few open positions to fill. Carol G. will not be running for the President position in October.

NEW BUSINESS

Recruitment of a \$250.00 grant: Members Credit Union chose 6 local nonprofits to issue a grant too. The Senior Center received a \$250.00 grant. It was shared that a Thank you letter will be sent this week to the Credit Union for the grant.

Internet connections: The center had 2 days during the week when there was no internet service. While the service was down, they had learned that there is not enough speed with the service they are paying for and is slowing down to 50MB. After checking into a few other concerns this subject will be tabled for now.

COMMITTEES:

TAT: Nothing to report.

Safety Committee: Pam shared with the board that there was a lot of information to share and that the project is in motion of all they were doing to update the center. Pam and Barb met with the Fire Marshall and they checked all the rooms together where there were fire extinguishers and where there should be one. All fire extinguishers are marked and they are not to be blocked where they are placed. There were 2 extinguishers in the Commercial kitchen and one of the two were moved to the Strip kitchen. Where there is heat, there needs to be an extinguisher. The Fire Marshall shared that there would need to be an additional extinguisher in the Activity Room, again, heat-producing equipment is in there. The microwave can or could catch fire while in use. The Chief Engineer has been working on the capacity of all the rooms that are used for public events and he'll send the center the room capacity for each room. (Activity Room, Conference Room, Dining Room and Conference Room.)

The Fire Marshall brought along with him the floor plans of the center and Carol dropped off the copies to Poste Haste so the Center will now have their own copies. The originals will be brought back to the Fire Marshall. Pam & Barb will be posting evacuation routes of small diagrams of the building and will be posted in areas where people will be able to see, know and understand how to leave the building in case of an emergency. There will also be a list of emergency contacts and it will be made available to anyone that will be using the building after hours. It is important that they know how to get out of the building in case of an emergency. Our Safety Committee has been doing such a great and above job for the Center. Thank You for all your time. The Fire Chief also shared about their great job being Proactive.

Once the floor plan is finalized, they will be put on all exits and a Floor Plan copy will be given to anyone renting the facility, so they have the Emergency contact numbers. There is a Defibrillator in the Coat Room and it is checked monthly. If there is severe weather, the safe rooms are: **the Coat Room and Conference Room.**

A motion was made by Gwen S. and seconded by Barb C. to purchase a fire extinguisher for the Activity Room. The motion passed.

ACTIVITIES:

Potluck: 25 attended \$75 in donations.

Exercise: Classes are going well.

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

Music: Is going well.

Movie Day: There was No Movie Day time in July. The next Movie Day will be in August and the movie that will be showing is “We Bought a Zoo.” Movie time 1:00pm

OFFICE REPORT: Carol S. noted that things are going okay. They have been working on next year’s reservations. That takes some time to do. Kay came in and was working on the calendar and fitting in activities for the year.

MEDIA SPECIALIST: Everything is going well. Nothing new that has been happening. The Network Solutions are now done with and are now working with ECIT Guys only.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS: Concerns came up about the settings on the thermostats. The temperatures in the dining room have been either too hot or too cold. The temperature should be set at 74. Will call Joel and have the thermostats set to stay at one temperature.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Barb C. & seconded by Connie K. to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 AM.

The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Reyer, Secretary