

CHISAGO COUNTY BOARD ON AGING MEETING

August 21st, 2025

The Chisago County Board on Aging was called to order August 21st, 2025, at 9:30 AM by President, Pam S. A Quorum was present. Those present included Officers: Carol Gilquist, Betty Schlipp, and Terry Reyer. Directors: Cathy Buda, Barb Cuppett, Todd Fisk, Connie Jaques, Marge Scheele, Carol Stradinger, Pam Schultz, Henry Scott, Gwen Swenson. Not present: Connie Kaiser and Gwen Swenson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, the Invocation was read by Pam S.

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

Recruitment: October is only 2 months away. There will be a few open positions to fill on the board and a President and Secretary position are also up for election. The Board Members will continue sharing with others about running in October to become a new Board Member.

Internet connections: Last month the discussion on internet speed increase was tabled. The center is currently paying for 50 MB of speed and it is a slow connection for the internet. This month a discussion was brought up that the center will contact ECE Fiber and see if that will be a better option for faster downloads and lag free streaming. It may be less expensive than what the center is already paying.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on board members' expectations: Two Draft Copies were shared with the Board to go over. One was on Board Members Responsibilities and A List of Activities/Events Available to Become Involved In. A great outline of events to help with the events that will be going on yearly and an outline of Board Member Responsibilities in which each are accountable for their term of service.

COMMITTEES:

Fundraising: A meeting will be set up before the annual meeting. For the upcoming Art and Craft Sale, so far 15 crafters have signed up. They will be able to come in the night before to set out their tables. **Blood Drive:** November 25th, **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

Safety Committee: The Building Inspector shared that he would send information regarding room capacity for each room. As of now, there is a delay on it until they hear from him. A fire extinguisher was purchased and it will now need to be installed and mounted in the Activity room. One extinguisher will need to be moved from the Commercial kitchen to the Strip kitchen. An email will be sent to the Fire Chief to see the settings/measurements on how to mount the extinguisher per code. Signage will need to be put up or on the extinguisher, so that it can be seen. More signage may need to go in the Dining Room and marked, so that tables will not be placed in front of the door after people who rent the room. May need to place tape markings on the floor so it can be seen. A work order will be put in so Joel will be able to mount the new fire extinguisher by code. The committee is working on getting signage ready for each of the rooms. A rough draft is being worked on for the proper evacuation from the center in case of an emergency. People who are renting the center for their activities will be given an evacuation plan paper in case of a real emergency or severe weather. There are some things that are on hold right now while waiting for the Fire Chief to respond back, because he has been on vacation.

Recruitment: October is coming quickly. There will be a few open positions to fill. Two officer placements will be open. One for the President position and one for the Secretary position in October and for Board Directors.

ACTIVITIES:

Potluck: 31 people attended \$76 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: Movie Day went well. There were 13 people who attended. A \$33.00 donation was given. time in July. The next Movie Day will be in September 9th and the movie that will be showing is "Nonnas" a 2025 biographical comedy-drama film. Movie time will be at 1:30pm.

OFFICE REPORT: Carol S. noted that things are going okay. Will be starting staff office meetings again. It keeps the staff in touch with each other and keeps things working smoothly. The next meeting will be on the 3rd Thursday, Sept. 16th.

The new printer works great and Carol and staff are getting closer to learning how to put the Newsletter together, so that soon, the Newsletter can be printed in the office monthly. There will be a little more work in doing the letter, but it can be done!

MEDIA SPECIALIST: Everything is going great. Will set up for volunteers for upcoming events.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS: Pam S. shared an article that she had read in the Lindstrom Ledger, for August 15th, where there was a write up about the Chisago County Senior Center. They shared information about regularly scheduled programs, games and much more. A copy of the monthly calendar of activities was included in the article with a website address, phone number, hours and email address to get more information.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Betty S. & seconded by Carol S. to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 AM.

The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Reyer, Secretary