

CHISAGO COUNTY BOARD ON AGING MEETING

February 16, 2023

The Chisago County Board on Aging was called to order on February 16, 2023, at 9:34am by President, Carol Gilquist. Those present included officers Gilquist, Carol Stradinger, Todd Fisk and Judy Nelson; Directors Joe Kolb, Connie Kaiser, Betty Schlipp, Gwendolyn Swenson, Pam Schultz and Jon Ekstrom. Karen Kubat was a guest. Pat Menne-Hannigan was excused for medical reasons; Gary Fladland and Marge Scheele were out of town.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the invocation was read by Betty.

A motion was made by Connie and seconded by Joe to accept the secretary's report as amended to read "violates the life safety code". The motion passed unanimously.

After a discussion about the exceedingly high garbage collection costs, a motion was made by Betty and seconded by Carol S to accept the treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously. Todd or Carol G will talk with Deanna at Uptown Maple Commons to see if garbage from people moving in and out of that facility is being charged to us.

Carol S made a suggestion to have extra copies of the treasurer's report available for guests.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Valentine's Day dance this afternoon, February 16, at the CCSC. Jerry Biersbach Band will play.
2. Spring Craft Show March 18 from 9-4. Deb Ardolino is the coordinator. She has 23 vendors so far and has publicity in local papers asking for vendors of handcrafted items. Set up will be on Friday 6-8pm or on the 18th.
3. Publicity for the CCSC: Judy met with the assistant editor of the Isanti- Chisago County Star, Stacy Case, and she agreed to publish the schedule of the events of our Senior Center in the Out and About section of the newspaper.
4. Web page: Devin Vander Schaaf needs to set up a donation page.
5. Computer installation: completed in 3 to 3 1/2 hours.
6. Grief group ideas: Chisago Lakes Free Church possibly has one; John Wurm of Grandstrand has resources listed, but does not have group meetings. Other ideas presented were Kelly for a care givers group at the same time New Day meets at the Center. AARP may have some information.

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEES

1. Tables Around Town (TAT): May 6. Committee has met several times and last month the Board agreed to hold the event off site at the Legion, which has more space for this major fund raiser for us and also has a liquor license and bar tender so we won't have that expense. Cost \$50 per person. Discussion ensued about the event not showing our Center if it is held at the Legion. No change in plans was made. Letters are being prepared for soliciting sponsors.

ACTIVITIES

1. Potluck: steady attendance at 26 and \$46 donation received.
2. Exercise: new members again with 15 average attendance.
3. Games: cribbage, 500, hand and foot, dominos and bingo are going well.
4. Music: the March calendar is filled.
5. Jammin' with Joe: consistent small group continues to support each other

MEDIA SPECIALIST

1. Molly DeFrance has added the BOA minutes to the newsletter.

OFFICE REPORT

1. Carol S reported that the office is very busy with calls for the AARP free tax preparation appointments for North Branch and Cambridge sites. They would like to have additional volunteer help with returning all the calls. Also Fridays are open for an 8-1 volunteer shift in the office.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS

1. Pam expressed a concern about the items that renters left hanging from the sprinkler heads in the dining room. That violates the life safety code and needs to be removed. (Carol G removed the items immediately after the meeting ended.)

2. Betty asked why the grand piano hasn't been moved yet. Jon responded that there weren't enough men to help with the project and he will get some people together to get the move accomplished.

3. Carol S: The office will be sending a note reminding non-profit users of the CCBOA to be sure to leave the rooms clean and take out the garbage they have created. Just being respectful in general.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Todd and seconded by Connie to adjourn the meeting at 10:20. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Nelson, Secretary

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