

CHISAGO COUNTY BOARD ON AGING MEETING

March 16, 2023

The Chisago County Board on Aging was called to order on March 16, 2023, at 9:33am by President Carol Gilquist. Those present included officers Gilquist, Carol Stradinger, Todd Fisk and Judy Nelson; directors Marge Scheele, Connie Kaiser, Joe Kolb, Pam Schultz, Betty Schlipp and Jon Ekstrom. There were no guests in attendance. Pat Menne-Hannigan and Gwen Swenson were excused for medical reasons and Gary Fladland was out of town.

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

A motion was made by Betty and seconded by Connie to accept the secretary's report as amended to read "that violates the safety code" (of the fire department was removed). The motion passed.

A motion was made by Pam and seconded by Jon to accept the treasurer's report as presented. The motion passed. The charge for garbage question is still pending and Todd will talk with Deanna about the issue.

After a review of the 990 form for fiscal 2022, the Board approved sending it in to the IRS.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Craft show: March 18 from 9am to 4pm. There are 26 vendors. Deb Ardolino and Carol G will tape booths. Betty will stay after cribbage on Friday to help close the divider.

Web site progress: Devin is making progress. The "contact us" feature is enabled. Need a third party for payment. One possibility is STRIPE, a smaller company than PayPal (2.9% plus 39 cents per transaction).

February dance evaluation: we got many compliments on the dance, the music, the good food and on our beautiful facility. Twenty three people attended.

NEW BUSINESS

Newsletter: In the future, we will have a synopsis of our BOA meeting in the newsletter and the Board-approved minutes will be on the website.

Dance April 20 with Dick Szyplinski. Similar menu will be offered. Carol G would appreciate donations of a few gifts for the drawing.

Dine and Discover will sponsor a presentation by Shelly Beckman at the CCSC on April 19 at 3pm with the topic of setting up end of life wishes. This is one of three talks on the same day within the county.

COMMITTEES

Tables Around Town: May 6 at the Legion in North Branch. Carol G reported that letters soliciting sponsorships and donations went out this week. Posters are being placed in businesses. There will be a different remittance form this year.

ACTIVITIES

Potluck: Carol S reported great food, good time; 23 attended despite the snow.

Exercise: Connie continues to draw new people with many regulars as well; 21 participated recently.

Games: 500, bingo, cribbage, dominos and hand and foot all were active, but down in numbers the past month due to snow birds not back yet or bad weather for those still here.

Music: Tuesday attendance at the music before lunch has been down. Most recently only 4 people attended. Carol G noted that it is more difficult to get people to volunteer to perform. Suggestion was made to go to having music twice a month. Carol G has been making the music arrangements since Muriel Kennedy turned the job over to her in February. We also discussed another reason for poor attendance is that fewer people are eating the Catholic Charities noon meals on site. Many take it to their homes or apartments.

Jammin' with Joe: Joe reports that the group of 5 is going good, weather permitting.

MEDIA SPECIALIST

Carol G reported that Molly is caught up with her duties. The last issue was 8 pages long and we may be able to cut back to 6 pages when we only include a synopsis of our BOA meeting instead of the approved minutes from the previous month. Molly is also working on TAT.

OFFICE MEETING

Carol S reported that there is a new volunteer being trained to work in the office, Kathy Buda. AARP tax calls still keeping staff busy.

Connie noted that there will be 2 four-hour Drive Alive classes held at the CCSC taught by trained volunteers. Dates are June 6 and September 19. They handle their own enrollment in the classes.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Pam is concerned about the ice coming down and bending the gutters along the roof. Joel will be notified.

Several people mentioned that it has been difficult to hear during this meeting due to bingo playing in the back corner. The AARP tax prep uses the activity room and the conference room so bingo needed to use part of the dining area. Problem will be discussed with Jerry, AARP coordinator.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Connie and seconded by Jon to adjourn the meeting at 10:21. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Nelson, Secretary