

CHISAGO COUNTY BOARD ON AGING MEETING

April 20, 2023

The Chisago County Board on Aging was called to order on April 20, 2023, at 9:34am by President, Carol Gilquist. Those present included officers Gilquist, Carol Stradinger, Todd Fisk and Judy Nelson; directors Connie Kaiser, Joe Kolb, Pat Menne-Hannigan, Betty Schlipp, Gary Fladland, Pam Schultz and Marge Scheele. Gwen Swenson was excused for medical reasons. Jon Ekstrom's absence was unexcused. There were no guests present for the meeting.

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

A motion was made by Betty and seconded by Connie to accept the secretary's report as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Pam and seconded by Pat to accept the treasurer's report as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

The follow up on garbage collection charges with Deanna at Uptown Maple Commons has not yet occurred. Todd will talk with her today as she is on site this afternoon.

Web site progress: Carol G reported that the contact page on the Web site is operational. The donation page needs to be set up with a two step verification.

Dance: music for the dance this afternoon will be provided by Dick Szyplinski. Some concessions remain from the previous dance and they will be utilized today.

NEW BUSINESS

Classes: the Age-Well class by Shelly Beckman was very well attended and appreciated. The second class in the series will be offered on May 17 and will include a panel discussion on estate planning and funeral direction.

Carol Gilquist and Marge Scheele represented us at the County Commissioners' meeting. There has been a change in the law regarding their distribution of funds so we have not received funding from the county. They called our CCSC a "gem" and appreciate us.

Floor cleaning: done yearly in May, but the timing is not as critical this year as the Tables Around Town event will be held at the Legion instead of at the Center. A motion was made by Pat and seconded by Connie to send out a request for bids and that the lowest bid be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEES

Tables Around Town: Carol G reported that the plans are in full swing for the event on May 6. Some of the regular businesses that have donated in the past have not contributed yet, but there are some new businesses stepping up to support us. We will be able to sell more tables with the larger room at the Legion. So far there are 5 VIP tables sold. Todd Fisk received a cash award from his employer for his work in the community and he donated the money to the TAT event. Thank you, Todd, for your generosity of time, talent and award money!

ACTIVITIES

Potluck: Carol S reported that 27 people attended the last potluck and \$55 was donated. Next month, the potluck will be on May 21 to avoid a conflict with Mothers' Day.

Exercise: Connie continues to draw more people to exercise class three times a week and includes elements of balance to address a common problem for seniors.

Games: 500, cribbage, hand and foot, bingo and dominos are seeing an increase in participation now that the snow birds have returned and the weather is better.

Music: after the comments read during the last BOA meeting with complaints about the Board voting to change music from every Tuesday to twice a month, a motion was made today by Carol G and seconded by Connie to return to providing music every Tuesday. The motion passed unanimously.

Jammin' with Joe: Joe commented that they are "persevering and doing well". They will not meet on dance days like today.

MEDIA SPECIALIST

Molly is putting the synopsis of the current BOA meeting into the monthly newsletter and the final approved copy of the minutes of that Board meeting will be posted on the Web Site. She is also maintaining Face Book information and working on TAT.

OFFICE REPORT

Carol S and Connie are continuing to look for new office volunteers. They have three people interested in the training. There has been a problem with non profit groups of children not cleaning up adequately when they complete their activity and the adult supervisors have been warned that they could lose their opportunity to meet at the Center unless they start following the rules of the Center. Happy Feet finally sent a payment for their use of the Senior Center, but it was an incorrect amount, despite having an invoice.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Betty had concerns about the Spring Craft Fair and its management. Discussion ensued.

Our Senior Center sign was knocked down and the Board discussed options of getting a new two-sided sign or putting a sign on each driveway to help visitors find the entrance to the parking lot. Several people coming for the tax prep expressed having difficulty with locating the entrance to the CCSC. Gary volunteered to lead a committee to look into signage and set back rules.

Connie requested approval for the purchase of a new faucet for the strip kitchen with a high arch so the large coffee maker can be filled in the sink. She was asked to bring estimates of the cost to next month's BOA meeting and to check with Deanna for Ecumen input.

Pat volunteered to be in charge of sending out letters to townships requesting donations for the CCSC. Marge suggested that, in the future, we should send the donation letters out earlier as in January/February when some townships vote on their budgets.

Carol S expressed a concern that she received a check from Todd for reimbursement from a company in Chicago, IL and it did not have two signatures of BOA executive members on it as required by our finance policy. Todd explained that he uses "Bill Pay" via a credit union that does not charge a fee so this is a quicker and less expensive way to pay bills. Carol noted that we will have to change our finance policy if we intend to do billing in this way as the bylaws state two signatures of BOA executive members are required.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Pat and seconded by Connie to adjourn the meeting at 10:52am. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Nelson, Secretary