

CHISAGO COUNTY BOARD ON AGING MEETING

August 17, 2023

The Chisago County Board on Aging was called to order on August 17, 2023, at 9:30am by President, Carol Gilquist. Those present included officers Gilquist, Carol Stradinger, Todd Fisk and Judy Nelson; directors Gary Fladland, Betty Schlipp, Joe Kolb, Gwendolyn Swenson, Marjorie Scheele, Pam Schultz and Jon Ekstrom. Connie Kaiser was excused for medical reasons. Pat Menne-Hannigan did not provide an excuse for her absence. Connie Jaques was a guest at the meeting.

A motion was made by Gwen and seconded by Pam to accept the secretary's report as presented. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Betty and seconded by Marge to accept the treasurer's report as presented. The motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. Carol G contacted Gateway signs and received a \$425 bid for installation of signage. The board accepted the bid. Two 12x18 blue and white signs on metal poles will be placed at each driveway.
2. Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the Senior Center tomorrow; volunteers signed to assist.
3. Meals at the Center for musicians; Catholic Charities can't have a punch card as in the past so Todd will set up an internal fund that we can use for thank you meals when volunteer musicians want to eat after they perform.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Connie Kaiser fell at the Senior Center while volunteering and will require surgery. We wish her a full recovery and a card from the Board was sent.
2. Fall Craft Fair October 21 from 9am to 4pm with set up on October 20.
3. The BOA approved the purchase of a light for over the sink in the strip kitchen. Jon E will purchase the item.
4. The BOA decided not to participate in the Chamber of Commerce Fall Harvest Festival this year on September 23. They are looking for volunteers for the Age Well Expo in Chisago Lakes in October.

COMMITTEES

Finance: We reviewed the proposed changes in the current finance policy. After discussion, Gary F agreed to write up the agreed upon changes and bring the final proposal to the September Board meeting for the approval of Board members. A comment was made about possibly using some of our savings to buy staggered Contracts for Deed now that interest is again being paid by banks again. Discussion ensued. No motion.

By Laws: We discussed the issue of attendance expectations at meetings. Carol S, Gary and Betty

will meet and prepare proposed changes to the by law to bring to the September BOA meeting.

ACTIVITIES

Potluck: Fifteen people attended and enjoyed it, despite competition from Threshing show.

Exercise: Participants are self directing in the absence of injured Conner K. They wish her well.

Games: 500 is going well in the dining room; Cribbage (10 tables), dominos, bingo and hand and foot are doing fine.

Music is going well.

Jammin' with Joe, a support group: doing well; last gathering for year is October.

OFFICE REPORT

Carol S is pleased with the quick learning new staff of volunteers for the office. Bill Flor had to stop volunteering to clean at the Center and leading bingo. Thank you to him for his dependable service. New Day program will no longer be offered at the CCSC.

Carol provided statistics for activities at CCSC in August (a normally slow month): 25 non-profit group visits; 50 scheduled activities sponsored; 5 rentals.

Thank you notes have been sent to towns and townships that have donated to CCSC. North Branch, Lindstrom, Center City, Sunrise, Chisago Lakes, Amador. Total received: \$5,760. Stacy/Lent is awaiting their new leadership after the merge to decide on support.

The Almelund Threshing Show donated \$1,200 for the purchase of coffee and treats for our diners and visitors to the Senior Center.

MEDIA SPECIALIST

Molly DeFrance added Word Find to the newsletter in response to requests. Answers are hidden in the issue. We printed 380 newsletters last month. There is an option to receive the newsletter electronically now.

COMMENT

Two members of the BOA supported the Chamber of Commerce fundraiser by representing us when participating in the Golf Tournament last week. A motion was made by Todd and seconded by Joe to reimburse them for the \$100 entry fees. Motion passed.

We will set up a depreciation account to address our aging furniture and equipment. A list of needs will be prepared and brought to the September BOA meeting.

A motion was made by Pam and seconded by Marge to adjourn the meeting at 11:25am. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Nelson, secretary