

CHISAGO COUNTY BOARD ON AGING MEETING

December 21, 2023

The Chisago County Board on Aging was called to order on December 21, 2023, at 9:35am by President, Carol Gilquist. Those present included officers Gilquist, Carol Stradinger, Todd Fisk and Judy Nelson; Directors Connie Kaiser, Betty Schlipp, Pam Schultz, Gary Fladland, Jon Ekstrom, Marge Scheele and Gwendolyn Swenson. Joe Kolb was excused for medical reasons. Guests present included Connie Jaques, Cathy Buda, Henry Scott, Terry Reyer and Terri Lyn Storlien.

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

A motion was made by Connie Kaiser and seconded by Jon to accept the secretary's report as corrected. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Pam and seconded by Connie K to accept the treasurer's report as presented. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Pam and seconded by Gary to accept the budget proposal for 2024 as presented by Todd Fisk, treasurer. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Pam Schultz is working with staff at Ecumen to determine which vacuum/s we should purchase for the CCSC. One of the old vacuums can be repaired and used as a back up..
2. Jon Ekstrom plans to install a light over the sink in the strip kitchen.
3. Membership in the Chambers of Commerce in several cities in Chisago County was discussed. We have been a member of the North Branch C of C for many years. We will visit chambers in Rush City and Chisago Lakes. A motion was made by Gary and seconded by Gwen to join Chambers of Rush City (\$70) and Chisago Lakes (\$200) this year. The motion passed
4. The kitchen contract with Catholic Charities has been settled. It had been sent to us for review in error. They have returned the contract with the monthly rental remaining at \$800. The finance policy needs to be amended and provided to members. Gary will facilitate this.
5. Coffee carafes for potluck, thermal inside; need to order a case 24-28 oz size; Jon will present information on them at the next BOA meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Our commercial stove needs repair. Jon Ekstrom is investigating options. Today it was working well.
 2. Senior Center Story Time with the North Branch librarian has been held on the first Tuesday of the month. Next story time, which also includes games and readings, is January 2. In February, that time slot will be used to offer a free film, "Hidden Figures".
 3. Room holding fees were discussed at length. A motion was made by Pam and seconded by Jon to increase the current holding fee for each of our rooms except the nurse's office which will remain at \$20. The dining room will be \$150; the activity room will be \$100; the conference room \$50. The motion passed. This will be effective as of January 1, 2024. For those who have already booked a room, the lower rates will be honored.
- A committee was established to develop a protocol for keeping some of the holding fee if not left in good condition. Pam Schultz, Carol Gilquist, Carol Stradinger and Connie Kaiser volunteered to be on this committee.

COMMITTEES

Tables Around Town (TAT): Carol G reported that she and Terri Nelson had a planning meeting last month for this major fundraiser. The theme for 2024 will be "Retro", going back to some of the favorite décor and events from previous years. It will be held at the CCSC and there will be a seated meal and silent auction. Molly DeFrance will be joining them on the committee.

ACTIVITIES

Potluck: Carol S reported there were 33 participants and \$75 was donated.

Exercise: Connie K stated it is going very well with a class of 27 recently.

Games: 500, cribbage, hand and foot, bingo and dominos all are well attended.

Music: Carol S provided the list of volunteer musicians she scheduled for January. The office staff now is responsible for scheduling music for every Tuesday.

OFFICE REPORT

Carol S noted that things are going well and that new shelves are being created to use the wasted space in the office. A motion was made by Jon and seconded by Gary to designate up to \$300 for purchase of plywood for shelves. The motion passed. They are working on the bulletin boards.

MEDIA

We discussed how best to format the newsletter: 6 or 8 pages. It is getting very expensive to send them out and keep them free of charge. A smaller newsletter would help lower the costs.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS

A suggestion was made to create a calendar with a tentative list of activities for the whole year. Pot lucks, game days, age well events, Tables Around Town and Fall Festival would all be on the list. Gwen offered to create a list for 2024 and present it for review at the January BOA meeting.

The Red Cross donated a large first aid kit to the CCBOA. The office volunteers will decide the best location for the kit so the items are available if needed, but not subject to loss.

Connie Jaques is interested in marketing and she is familiar with the key words to change each month on the website. She will contact Devin with Page Crafters to work with him on our site.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Marge and seconded by Gary to adjourn the meeting at 11:15am. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Nelson, Secretary