

CHISAGO COUNTY BOARD ON AGING MEETING

January 18, 2024

The Chisago County Board on Aging was called to order on January 18, 2024, at 9:34am by President, Carol Gilquist. Those present included officers: Carol Gilquist, Carol Stradinger, Todd Fisk and Terry Reyer; Directors: Connie Kaiser, Betty Schlipp, Pam Schultz, Gary Fladland, Marge Scheele, Henry Scott, Gwendolyn Swenson and Cathy Buda. Joe Kolb was excused for medical reasons. Guests present included Connie Jaques and Judy Nelson.

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

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

A motion was made by Betty and seconded by Pam to accept the treasurer's report as presented. The 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. Carol G. took care of the installation for the light over the sink in the strip kitchen. She will let Jon know that it is installed.
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 pots/thermos for dining room. Carol G. placed an order from a restaurant supplier for new coffee thermos. Carol G. will let Jon E. know. They were \$15.00 @ and a dozen was ordered.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment of board members that will be appointed for 1 year term. Gary Fladland to fill in for Pat and Terry Reyer will fill Secretary position. A motion was made by Todd F. and seconded by Connie K. The motion passed.
2. Our commercial stove has been repaired and is working. May get a maintenance plan for the stove.

3. Senior Center Story Time has been discontinued. On the first Tuesday of the month there will be "Movie Day." The first movie day will be February 6th at 1:00PM. Hidden Figures will be the movie that will be played. It's a story of a team of female African-American mathematicians who serve a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program. There will be popcorn and beverage. Amy will be helping with the Movie Day.

4. Office staff will make payment to Catholic Charities for three musicians lunches. Todd will set up petty cash-scheduler will offer that option to the musicians.

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. The event committee will meet again on January 6th.

ACTIVITIES

Potluck: Carol S reported there were 23 participants and \$48 was donated.

Exercise: Connie K stated it is going very well.

Games: 500, cribbage, hand and foot, bingo and dominos all are well attended. Participants growing 7-8

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. Jeanie will take over in February.

OFFICE REPORT

Carol S. noted that things are going well and she is still learning things. In the near future the filing cabinet will need to be reorganized.

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. Molly will help with the newsletter.

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 Connie K. and seconded by Marge to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 AM. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Reyer, Secretary