

CHISAGO COUNTY BOARD ON AGING MEETING

July 18, 2024

The Chisago County Board on Aging was called to order on July 18th, 2024, at 9:33 am by President, Carol Gilquist. A Quorum was present. Those present included officers: Carol Gilquist, Carol Stradinger, Todd Fisk and Terry Reyer; Directors: Connie Kaiser, Pam Schultz, Connie Jaques, Henry Scott, Marge Scheele and Cathy Buda.

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

A motion was made by Carol S. and seconded by Connie K. to accept the Secretary's Report as corrected. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Cathy B. and seconded by Pam S. to accept the Treasurer's Report as present. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Old Vacuums: Both vacuums are now up and running and working very well. The vacuums should be taken in for an annual tune up in 2025. The fee for an annual tune up is \$99.00.

2. Investments: Carol G. and Carol S. went to Members and purchased a business CD in the amount of \$50,000 at 4.85% for 7 months. \$25,000 from checking and \$25,000 from savings were transferred to purchase the \$50,000 CD. The checking account was upgraded to a slightly higher interest rate.

3. Future needs of the center in relation to Ecumen: A committee was formed and they put together a list of needs and wants for the future long-term needs of the center. The center has not yet heard back from Deanna S. Concerns of other improvements and finished projects at the center were discussed and shared.

4. Events to participate in annually: This year we will be renting a space at the Almelund Apple Festival. The festival this year will be on September 15th. The event will be for one day only from 11:00 to 4:00 PM. This local event focuses on introducing children to the immigrant way of life and living and enjoying delicious apple desserts. We will need volunteers to help with this event. We will need to set up and take down a canopy, chairs and bring literature to hand out.

5. Furniture for the lobby: The committee will be meeting again to discuss possibilities of what kind of furniture to get for the lobby and center. Wayfair was having a future sale coming up and that would help the cost of the future purchase if made. The chairs that were ordered the earlier this year, the center has been happy with the quality of them and the service.

6. Recruitment for board members: In October of 2025, there will be 5 positions open for our annual elections for new board members. Carol S. will not be seeking re-election for the Vice

Presidents position. She is open to a nomination to run as a director, however, and willing to continue serving the board. Discussions were shared about recruiting new members and how to go about it. Some of board members have been asking neighbors and friends if they would like to participate in being a member of the board. The recruitment of board members was also in the July Newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Replacement for Gary/Pat:** Gary was appointed to replace Pat's open position for 2024. He and his wife have now moved and his position is open and will be up for election this coming October. We will operate with one less board member.
2. **Driver Safety Classes changed:** As of July 1, 2024, Minnesota law now requires a 4-hour mature driver course for your insurance discount. The 8-hour course is no longer required. The next class will be in September.
3. **Red Cross Blood Drive:** The next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for August 15th, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM volunteers will be needed to help monitor the donors and to give them a snack to eat and some juice. Shared appreciation for those who donated.

COMMITTEES

Tables Around Town (TAT): Thank you letters were all sent out for this fun event. Over 100 letters were sent out.

Language revamp on rental agreement: This has been put on hold.

Fall Craft Fair: Sarah has put some information in the newsletter about this event. They have been organizing the signs by changing the date of the event, organizing the building, setting up proper help for getting the building ready, helping with set up and clean up and confirming the date of the craft fair.

ACTIVITIES

Potluck: 30 attended, \$116 collected. Pictures were taken during the Potluck.

Exercise: Connie K. Classes are going well.

Games: The games are going okay. Gene has been leading the Hand and Foot group on Thursdays and Kathy and Lauren have been leading and helping with 500 cards and cribbage Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Music: Is going well.

Movie: Movie Day time will be taking a break during the summer months and will start again in October.

OFFICE REPORT

Carol S. noted that things are going well. Cindy is back and Kathy will be back also. There was a Scam Prevention class set up for June and will be rescheduled for September or October this year.

MEDIA SPECIALIST: The newsletter is going well. Connie continues coming up with ideas to organize the newsletter efficiently. She has added a new format and shared some new ideas for the letter. Connie will start emailing some of the Newsletters in August. The goal is to email more Newsletters than to be mailing them out monthly.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS: The insurance payment is due. Will be looking over the policy to see all that is covered with the center and if any changes will be made.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Connie K. and seconded by Cathy B. to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 AM. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Reyer, Secretary