

Chisago County Board on Aging

August 20th, 2026

(For Sept. 17th meeting 2026)

The Chisago County Board on Aging was called to order August 20, 2026, at 9:32 AM by President, Cathy Buda. A Quorum was present. Those present included officers: Cathy Buda, Todd Fisk, Betty Schlipp and Terry Reyer. Directors: Barb Cuppett, Carol Gilquist, Connie Jaques, Connie Kaiser, Floyd Pinotti, Pam Schultz, Henry Scott and Carol Stradinger. Marge Scheele was not present

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present
Invocation was read by Pam S.

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

A motion was made by Betty S. and seconded by Henry S. to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Progress for Purchase of Dining Room Carpet: Pam S. shared that there is no new news.

The carpet has been ordered and there is about an 8 week's wait until the carpet is installed. The carpet will be installed by Giese Carpet after the Craft Sale and they will install it after hours. It was shared by Henry that the center should be reimbursed for at least half of the carpet cost. A fundraiser to help with the purchase of a new carpet for the Dining Room was made in the month of May. Henry shared that he would contact DeeAnna and ask her or her boss questions about helping with the cost of the carpet.

Status- Producing Monthly Newsletter: The center will now be doing the monthly printing of the Newsletter at the center starting in September. The Newsletter will be sent out by email per request and there will also be some copies of the Newsletter at the center. More copies will be made and left at the center when there is an event going on that month. As of today, everything is going well setting up for September. A Thank You was given to John at Poste Haste for all his great support, help and business in printing our monthly Newsletter.

Maintenance – Grease Trap & Stove in Commercial Kitchen: Cathy made a phone call to the company who does the scheduling for the stove. They will call back and set up an appointment to service the stove. It may take a few months. Deanna has set up for the grease trap to be put on a 2 year maintenance schedule plan unless sooner. The grease trap will need to be done next year.

Check Fire Extinguishers: The fire extinguishers have not been constantly checked in the past. Pam checked all the extinguishers and initiated them and dated that they were. A maintenance schedule was made and will be kept in the office. The extinguishers will need to be checked monthly. All signage is up for how to exit and for the extinguishers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Age Well Expo – October 16th: There will be an Age Well Expo October 16th at the Chisago Lakes High School from 9:00 - 1:00. The keynote speaker will be Jennie Thyng. There will be Mini classes offered. The center will have a table at the Expo with handouts about the center. Barb C. and Connie J. will help set up the table and be there for the event to share info. about the center and all that it offers to the public. It is \$35 a table. Carol G. will pay for the event online and register for the event.

Craft Fair Update: The center will be hosting a craft fair this fall on October 24th that Sarah has been organizing. Posters have been sent out for the event. The vendor fee is \$45.00 per table. There are no spaces available to rent for the Craft Fair. There is already a waiting list in case some vendors will not be able to make it. New fliers are up without asking for vendors, just for the event. A motion was made by Pam S. and seconded by Barb C. that we spend up to \$300. for advertising for the upcoming Craft Fair.

COMMITTEES

Fundraising: Bingo: It may now be too late to have this event in November.

October Volunteer: We will talk about the Volunteer Breakfast after the first of the year.

Safety Committee: All the site plans have been posted and the committee is now working on evacuation plans.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers will be needed to help set up and take down for the Apple Festival, Expo, Craft Fair set up and take down. NO Cribbage or card games on the day of the craft sale. At the September meeting, Carol G. will set up volunteers to help with the upcoming events.

ACTIVITIES

Potluck: Carol S. reported there were 25 participants and \$32 was donated.

Games: Games are going good, new faces and well attended.

Exercise: Connie K. shared that the classes are going well. Seeing a few new faces and having a lot of fun. **Movie Day:** Next movie day will be September 8th. The movie in Sept. will be “Saving Mr. Banks” **Music:** Jeanie has a list of people who can play and sing for the month of September. It has been a challenge getting people to do music and events. The attendance has been low during the summer months.

OFFICE REPORT: Doing okay. Will have a meeting this week. The office is down one volunteer and would be nice to have another person for back up for the volunteers who are already working. Will need to train in more help. Meeting day for the office is the 3rd Tuesday of every month. A donation of \$1,310.00 was given to the center from the Almelund Threshing Church for coffee and supplies. Carol S. had written and sent a Thank you letter to this lady for their wonderful donation for the center. We will need some committees to check and go through the By-laws and Finance Policies and update, so the board can okay them at the Sept. meeting and then it goes to the annual meeting in October. Todd and Connie K. will do the finance committee policy. The By-laws will need to be changed. Notices will be put up. 7 positions will be up for elections in October.

MEDIA SPECIALIST: Things are okay. The newsletter is going well. Connie will be working on social media. She can now schedule things in advance. It will be a long process to do.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS: Carol G. wanted to commend Pam and the entire Age Well organization for the event. A Thank You to all that helped with all 3 events. There were 126 people that attended this event for Alzheimer's and Dementia. The Blood Drive went well and we met our goal. There were several walk-ins. The Red Cross is very thankful for the center for doing this event.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Todd F. and seconded by Carol G. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 AM. At 11:07 a Reconvening meeting was okayed by Cathy. A motion was made by Henry S. and seconded by Floyd Pinotti to provide copies to Meals on Wheels for the distribution of our Newsletter for Chisago County. The reconvening meeting was adjourned at 11:12 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Terry Reyer, Secretary