

Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes  
November 1, 2011

Attending: David Sharpe, Charlotte Snow, Jeanne Schwass-Long, Edna Cloutier, Kay Davis, Don Mix, Carol Heidenway, Ron Jenson

Excused/Absent: Betty Thompson, Dave Bacon, Mary Onsager, Kelli Krcma,

J. Schwaas-Long called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Approved minutes from the October 5 meeting. Motion by D. Mix, seconded by D. Sharpe, passed unanimously.

Compliments/Concerns:

- All light fixtures will be replaced this month for new energy saving fixtures and bulbs, monies were found through a grant by the Planning Department. Should save a considerable amount on utilities.

Director's comments:

- Thanked Jeanne Schwass-Long for writing a letter of appreciation and support to the Senior Center staff for their work while Cindy was out on Medical leave.
- Cindy was notified by the Council Affairs/Council Policy committee that they have some questions regarding the Special Gift fund and the large sum of money that is there. What is money going to be used for? Cindy explained that a majority had been set aside to create revenue through the interest of that money. With the current financial climate this has been difficult. The other amount in the Special Gift fund is for unmet capitol needs (carpet replacement, kitchen equipment, etc.) Concerns from commission members that those monies were gifted for non operational budgeted items. Groups wants to follow up on these funds and committee response.

Carol Heidenway gave a report of Federal and State legislation issues affecting older adults. Among them were Voter ID, Medicare, SS benefits and cuts to these vital programs, financial abuse and Family Care. Additional copies were left with Cindy if needed.

Lengthy discussion on donation letter and best wording to be used so that message is clear and information is concise.

Budget is still not finalized, City Council is having more Committee of the Whole meetings this week and next. Budget has to be approved by November 15<sup>th</sup>. Everyone hopes it is finalized soon so that the assistant director job can be posted.

**Committee reports:**

**Public relations:** No report

**Finance:** Dave Sharpe reported that he is in contact with Madison's Brat Fest to see if there is a possibility we can join their effort and in turn raise more money.

**Program and Evaluation:** No report.

**Volunteer:** No report

Motion to adjourn by E. Cloutier and seconded by C. Heidenway  
Meeting adjourned 11:00 a.m. by J. Schwass-Long

Minutes submitted by C. McGlynn