

Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes  
October 5, 2011

Attending: David Sharpe, Charlotte Snow, Jeanne Schwass-Long, Edna Cloutier, Kelli Krcma, Mary Onsager, Kay Davis, Don Mix

Excused/Absent: Betty Thompson, Carol Heidenway, Dave Bacon,

Guest: Ron Jenson

J. Schwaas-Long called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Approved minutes from the August 2nd meeting with corrections to spelling of Jeanne's name. Motion by Cloutier, seconded by Krcma, passed unanimously.

Cindy introduced Ron Jenson, who was visiting the meeting to see if he would be interested in participating as a representative from the town of Albion.

Compliments/Concerns:

- Cindy reiterated her appreciation and compliments to staff members helping out during her second medical leave of absence. All have gone above and beyond their regular duties.
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Director's comments:

- Cindy informed the group that the process for hiring the Assistant Director position has been delayed. With the possibilities of reduction of hours to that position and her second medical leave, we have had to delay the hiring.
- The Budgeting for Outcomes process continues for the City, the Mayor has presented a balanced budget to the City Council. The Council will now review the presented budget and make recommendations. Within that budget, eight hours have been removed from the Assistant Director's position. Cindy encouraged all members to stay involved in the budget process. Kay Davis made a point that all Commission Members should fill out the City's budget survey. The survey can be completed by going to the City website. Charlotte Snow commented that with further reductions to the Senior Center staff hours, more leadership with fund raising and volunteers will need to come from non-staff resources.

**Committee reports:**

**Public relations:** No report

**Finance:** Donation letter is being developed to be mailed out at the end of November.

**Program and Evaluation:** No report.

**Volunteer:** No report

Discussion of legislative issues took place regarding the Wisconsin Voter ID. Transportation remains one of the biggest concerns. RSVP will be able to give rides to older adults to the DMV. The DOT has attempted to streamline the process for older adults to obtain an ID, but it is still quite time consuming and many obstacles remain for older adults. Several members expressed concern for Stoughton citizens who rely on absentee ballots and how to communicate new rules to everyone. The Senior Center will try to stay up to date on new and detailed information regarding this complicated issue.

Cindy commented that she will make contact with committees to schedule meetings in the next few weeks to get back on target.

Motion to adjourn by M. Onsager and seconded by D. Mix

Meeting adjourned 10:45 a.m. by J. Schwass-Long

Minutes submitted by C. McGlynn