

## **COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, March 7, 2023**

**Stoughton Area Senior Center**

**Present:** Roz Gausman, Lou Havlik, Jeanne Schwass-Long, Barb Manson, Bob McGeever, Faith Schuck, David Sharpe, Sue Springman, Dave Thomas, Joyce Tikalsky, Sue Wollin

**Staff Present:** Cindy McGlynn     **Absent & Excused:**

**Call to order:** L. Havlik called the meeting to order at 11:04 am.

**February Minutes:** Moved by R. Gausman, seconded by J. Schwass- Long to approve; passed unanimously.

**Director Comments:** C. McGlynn

- Last week interviewed for the Program & Volunteer Coordinator position. We offered the job to a great candidate but unfortunately, they declined. Cindy will be meeting with HR to discuss further promotion of the job. In the meantime, we will not be scheduling as many activities.
- April is National Volunteer Appreciation month. We will be hosting a breakfast for 4/18.
- Get your corned beef and cabbage at our fundraiser on St. Patrick's Day 3/17.
- We are looking to replace our dining room tables. It's difficult to find what we have so we may keep the sturdy wheeled-base and replace with new circle tops that can fold into squares.
- Thank COA members for your letter of commendation to Kim and her volunteers for maintaining Meals on Wheels while we were without a caterer. It was great for them to be recognized in this way and for the community to be informed of the situation.
- The County's latest contracted caterer will no longer provide salad options, holiday meals and have discontinued supplying biodegradable/microwavable trays. Several nice donations came in with the news of Little John's ending their contract which we will be put towards off-setting the cost for Kim to continue making these meal options and to not have to use tin trays. We are also working on negotiating our own local catering contract with a local business.

**Construction Update:** The renovation has begun in the annex. Walls are down, wires are being rerouted, flooring is ordered and IT is working on purchasing audio-visual equipment. We will be meeting with DeForest Senior Center to learn about an alternative computer check-in system.

**Other News:**

- Parking signage will be revisited with the City when renovation is complete. These issues will be raised: increasing handicap parking spaces, limiting parking to SASC participants during our hours of service.
- Transportation has been a long-standing issue and even more now that there is a shortage of in-town physicians. Funding a shuttle bus is not likely to be in the budget soon, but J. Tikalsky emphasized the City is always looking for ways to work the County with extending transportation options.

**Committee Reports:** Evaluation's survey is now printed and available online. Copies were distributed to Meals on Wheels recipients and will be mailed to residents of senior housing

complexes. Responders may sign up to win a \$25 gift certificate after completing the survey anonymously.

**Legislative Update:** Dane County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) says we will not be able to change our catering contract until July because they need to go back to the County board to change the budget.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Moved by D. Sharpe, seconded by F. Schuck to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:47 PM by L. Havilk.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 11:00 AM