

## **COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, September 5, 2023**

**Stoughton Area Senior Center**

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

**Staff Present:** Cindy McGlynn, Hollee Camacho

**Absent & Excused:**

**Call to order:** L. Havlik called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM.

**August Minutes:** Moved by R. Gausman, seconded by B. McGeever to approve; passed unanimously.

**Director Comments:** C. McGlynn

- We had a nice turnout for the Open House of the new Annex/Cooper and Johnson Rooms. Thankfully the chairs arrived in time! Thanks to those who attended.
- We are beginning to have conversations about parking with the City's Finance Director and Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) Committee which handles big ticket purchases. Past surveys, strategic planning and accreditation processes have deemed increasing parking as a need for many years. Discussions are in the works to consider next steps; whether further study is needed or if leasing nearby spaces is feasible. Cindy shared that funding for this project would come from donations from the Center's Special Gifts Fund. In the meantime, new signs are up designating parking spaces for senior center participants.
- The new caterer, Atlantis Valley from Cottage Grove started last Friday. The meal went well. They will be providing the salad options on Tuesdays (Kim had been making these herself for many months). They are unable to provide specialty meals other than no added sugar desserts. Though, as of October, they'll begin providing salad options four days/week.
- A mid-report on the Center's service statistics was mailed to surrounding townships a couple weeks ago, along with a letter from Cindy offering to come and talk at town meetings about contributions to the Center. We understand everyone's budgeting is difficult and different, and Cindy would like to have conversations about what makes sense for the relationship between each township and the Senior Center.

**Accreditation Update:**

- Since our first re-accreditation meeting in July, staff are beginning to organize committee team meetings to review each of the nine standards. Cindy had a very productive meeting with the Fiscal & Asset Responsibility team and is excited to move forward with recommendations.

**Committee Reports:** COA committee meetings are taking a backseat while we begin the accreditation process. Committees will begin meeting once the teams and COA identify areas of improvement action plans to work on.

**Legislative Update:**

- The City is beginning the budget process; there are no anticipated changes at this time.
- The County's preliminary budget suggests no cuts in funding and likely very few increases.

The reimbursement we see for Kim's Thursday meals is expected to increase to be more in line with other sites.

- The demand for case management services continues to rise, along with the complexity of client cases. In order to better serve our community, we will be requesting additional case management staff time from both the City and County during their budget processes.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Moved by D. Sharpe, seconded by F. Schuck to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:43 AM by L. Havlik.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 11:00 AM