

## **COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, October 1, 2019**

**Stoughton Room, Stoughton Area Senior Center**

**Present:** Bob Barnett, Sid Boersma, Roz Gausman, Lou Havlik, Nancy Hoffman, Barb Manson, Mary Onsager, David Sharpe, Faith Schuck, Jeanne Schwass-Long

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

**Guest:** Mayor Tim Swadley

**Absent & Excused:** Charlotte Snow, Susan Wollin

**Call to order:** L. Havlik called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

**September Minutes:** Moved by S. Boersma, R. Gausman seconded to approve; passed unanimously.

### **Director Comments: Cindy McGlynn**

- Case Managers are gearing up for Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Open Enrollment which begins Oct. 15. We are beginning a 2-3 week waiting list for new referrals to case managers; case managers will immediately address urgent needs.
- We are short on newsletter delivery volunteers. Please check-in at the front desk and take whatever delivery locations work with your schedule. Please also take some Thor's Pour Fundraiser posters to any public places you frequent.
- We are partnering with Janesville, Whitewater and Fort Atkinson Senior Centers to promote a trip to Ireland next October through Premier Travel. There will be an informational meeting here on October 24 at 5PM, and there are brochures at the front desk.
- In order to host a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site in Stoughton the Department of Revenue is in need of volunteers to help people fill out simple EZ and 1040 tax forms. No prior experience needed, the IRS will provide the training. Low-income individuals who use this service are so appreciative. It will be a huge service to have it back in our community.
- Cindy will be attending the Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers (WASC) conference this Thursday to accept our re-accreditation plaque. This and the National re-accreditation plaque will be presented to City Council in the near future. Mayor Swadley encourages COA and Accreditation Committee members to attend once the meeting date is determined.
- Cindy distributed the Center's financial standing for this quarter. She highlighted that we are close to reaching our \$29,500 donation fund requirement. Contact Cindy if you have questions on the document.

**Staff Update:** We held six interviews for the Volunteer/Program Coordinator last Thursday. Thanks to Faith for her help on the interview panel. We had a total of 19 applications. We'll be holding second interviews to get the rest of our staff's input for the two remaining candidates.

**Fundraiser:** Vik and Lori have been so gracious to offer their accommodations for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Thor's Pour Fundraiser on October 22 from 6-8PM. Kim will prepare all the food. There will be beer and wine tasting. Please help us spread the word by posting our flyer around town and posting the event on your Facebook timeline.

**Committee Reports:** No committees met. However, Hollee distributed the final copy of the survey the Evaluation and Program Committees have been working on. It is still in its testing phase online at: [survey.stoughtonseniorcenter.com](http://survey.stoughtonseniorcenter.com). Please let Hollee know if edits are needed.

**Legislative Update:**

- The County Executive's proposed budget includes a mental health initiative. \$200,000 has been added to help focal point hire two mental health specialists; this program will mirror the Mobile Outreach to Seniors Team (MOST) program that was eliminated over ten years ago. It will be extremely helpful for our staff to have another resource to offer especially when trying to assist clients who are either undiagnosed or refusing to see a doctor.
- Cindy will present on the Senior Center's budget request to City Council on October 16.

**Other:**

- Tricia left us with a great map for Fall programming; Cindy has started the process for a few new kitchen volunteers.
- Mayor Swadley explained his dissatisfaction for the County's decision to withdraw their current use at the human services building. He is encouraged to know his and County Supervisor Chenoweth's concerns were heard and that the County budget was adjusted to allow for extra JFF hours in town.
- Coffee with the Mayor has been bringing 10-12 people. We have plans for him to use a podium and microphone to better accommodate his larger following. Mayor Swadley says he learns a lot each time. The crowd has good questions and provide another set of eyes in the community.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Moved by D. Sharpe seconded by R. Barnett to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 11:00 AM**