

## **COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, October 6, 2020**

**Stoughton Room, Stoughton Area Senior Center**

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

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

**Absent & Excused:** Susan Wollin

**Call to order:** L. Havlik called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

**August Minutes:** Moved by D. Sharpe, F. Schuck seconded to approve; passed unanimously.

### **Comments by Director:**

- Cindy has been meeting virtually with some townships to give them an update on the services we're providing to their residents and to encourage them to remember us as they complete their budgets for 2021. Some townships have reduced their support. So far Cindy has met with Dunn and Pleasant Springs and have meetings scheduled with Albion and Dunkirk and look forward to hearing from Rutland.
- There will be two City Council Committee of the Whole meetings to discuss the City's budget for 2020-2021. Cindy and City Finance Director Jamin Friedl will discuss the proposal for the Senior Center to gain access of the next door annex building.
- Staff are working very hard trying to keep up with information impacting our participants and responding to their questions and needs for services and programming. Case Managers are managing many more clients with high needs with the added effects of isolation. We continue to increase our listings of online activities, our ability to provide our own virtual programming options, as well as printed offerings of fun news and activities through our newsletter and flyers for meal recipients.
- We continue to deliver around 70 meals/day and provide over 100 meals at our twice-monthly meal pickups.
- Hollee is coordinating the transfer and training involved to begin using our newly developed PERKS case management database.
- Our fundraiser event on September 2 was a success. We earned over \$4,000 through the sale of 500 brats, loads of Chose's Coney Sauce, Chose's BBQ, Kim's cheese spread and general donations. D. Sharpe requested that a thank you note from COA be sent to the donors.

**Re-Opening Status:** We have no plans for reopening soon, as we don't think it's safe to do so. We discussed if COVID cases went down we would consider opening, but Wisconsin is not doing a good job in that respect. Stoughton Hospital's Foot Care Clinic has moved to their Health and Wellness Building. Right now we are doing Reflexology by appointment in the lower level and occasional case management visits there and outdoors with PPE and safe distancing.

**Committee Reports:**

**Public Relation:** Discussed how we are communicating news. The newsletter is chock-full, website is up-to-date, and we're posting a lot on Facebook. Volunteers are distributing newsletters to places that will take them. We are trying to get the word out that we are still here.

**Fund Development:** Discussed plans for proposal to regain access to the annex. Cindy is checking with maintenance for a ballpark estimate of renovation cost. Cindy will share a list with City Council of the activities we hope to be able provide with the additional larger space. Members inquired when the leases for current tenants are due. Cindy believed they were staggered, but explained that was a matter the City's Finance Director handles.

**Legislative Update:** The County's contributions will not change for the 2021 budget.

**Remaining Remarks:**

- C. Christman asked how Cindy was doing. She explained it's been exhausting on her end and imagined it must be the same for her. Cindy replied she's doing well, but it doesn't help that our participants can't be around each other. She emphasized how deaths in the family are so much more difficult, even weddings and other celebrations come with sadness when not all loved ones can safely participate. Our staff is trying to stay positive and encourage others to be positive. D. Sharpe added it is like a rollercoaster with all the ups and downs.

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

**Next Meeting via Zoom: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 11:00 AM**

**NOTE DATE CHANGE DUE TO THE ELECTION.**